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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duxell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phalos, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Now Duxell has returned, reincarnated as a feline fox to deliver me to...well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phalos?

Sir Keld has informed Ichir that her Aunt Sonia, the benevolent lady of Zi Alda, is dying. But when Ichir, Duxell and Dervos rush to be by her side, they find Lady Sonia in good health, her "fatal" illness little more than a head cold. Convinced this is more than a simple misunderstanding, Ichir figures that Sir Keld is plotting again. After all, if she were to wed Sonia's son Yuzel, Keld would become part of the royal family.

However, Ichir has no interest in marrying Yuzel. In fact, she flat-out despises him. Besides, there's the matter of finding Yuzel first, as the prince of Zi Alda has been notoriously MIA for the past few months, a fact that's perfectly fine with Ichir. She has enough on her plate, what with Duxell's occasional ability to appear as his old self, her pending revenge against Keld, and the unwelcome attention of Lady Leone and her raven-haired sorcerer, Diage. Leone, you see, is in love with Yuzel (despite being married to his best friend) and she's positive that Yuzel has set his sights on Ichir. Which in turn means that she must set her sights on her as well, and squeeze the trigger.

And what better way to do it than a morning ride? Especially when you've replaced the princess' horse with the untamed, unbroken and completely unpredictable Backbreaker. But the last laugh may be on Leone. After all, her beloved Yuzel has been spending quality time with Ichir for well over a year now...as her magic instructor, Yujin.





吸血遊戯

南鎖篇

Act.4



SIR
KELD...

SOME-
THING
HAS
COME
UP.

I'LL BE
LEAVING FOR
ZI ALDA
IMMEDIATELY.
WITH YOUR
PERMISSION,
OF COURSE.

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ISHTAR
AND LEENE...

TOGETHER...



PLEASE, I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S
GONE ON.

—BUT IF PRINCESS
ISHTAR—
AND WITH
HER, YOUR
CHANCES OF
BECOMING
OUR NEXT
KING—
IS IN
DANGER.

—THEN
MOVE
QUICKLY!
INDULGE
ME. ALLOW
AN OLD MAN
TO HELP YOU
IN ANY WAY
HE CAN.



YUJIN!
THAT'S WONDER-
FUL!



AHEM!

I MEAN
YUJINN.
YES, I
SAID
YUJINN.



OR
RATHER,
OUR WAY!
WHY DON'T
YOU BORROW
ONE OF OUR
LIKE RINGS?
TELEPORTATION
IS SO MUCH
FASTER THAN
RIDING.

I'M
GLAD
YOU
FINALLY
SEE IT
MY
WAY!



THANKS,
BUT I
THINK I
PREFER
TO RIDE.



THAT'S
FUNNY....



WHO'S THE
BRUNETTE?

LADY
LEONE?



PRINCESS
ISHTAR!

Zi
Alda



I'M SURE
ASHLEY AND
DARRES CAN
HANDLE THEM
UNTIL I GET
THERE.

WHY
DOESN'T
THAT
REASSURE
ME?

ALONE,
THEY'VE
BEEN KNOWN
TO INSPIRE
TERROR IN
EVEN THE
BRAVEST
OF SOULS,
BUT
TOGETHER...





I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS NAME IS, BUT HE'S WAY BIGGER AND STRONGER! I'LL BET IF HE WANTED TO, HE COULD SNAP ME LIKE A THING!

BUT AS FOR THE NAG...

...I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE A PROBLEM. THIS IS A DIFFERENT HORSE!

Do you really want to do that? Are you the biggest horse?



HOW DID YOU--?



あせ。

YOUR MAJESTY...



...I HEAR YOU'RE QUITE THE RIDER!

SO, PRINCESS...



STILL, YOU'LL PROBABLY OUTRIDE ME. AFTER ALL, I'M USED TO RIDING GOATS.

TOO BAD YOU'LL BE STUCK SPURRING ON THAT OLD NAG. LADY SONIA SHOULD HAVE PUT HER OUT TO PASTURE YEARS AGO.



SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR...

...LIKE I'VE SEEN HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE.

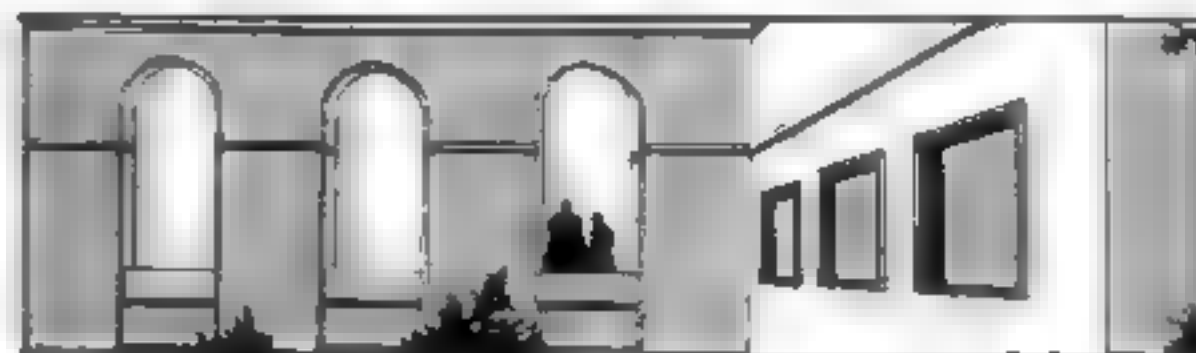


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YEAH... SORRY ABOUT THAT.











LADY SONIA



THEIR SUE' PE PACT WASN'T YOUR FAULT YOU CAN'T BLAME YOURSELF FOR THE POLLY OF YOUTH

THAT'S ALL BEHIND US NOW LEENE AND I ARE HAPPILY MARRIED

SUICIDE?



I'M SO SORRY ASHLEY!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO TALK ABOUT YOUR WIFE THAT WAY OR TO DRAG SKELETONS OUT OF THEIR CLOSETS..

YES!

YES, I KNOW!



I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OF OUR BEST INTERESTS TO SPEND WITH OUR LIES TO WHAT'S LEFT OF US HE MAYBE WE HAD NO BEING STEVENSON, BUT



HOW MUCH I WANTED HIM TO MARRY PRINCESS ISHTAR OUR SIDE OF THE FAMILY WAS SUCH A MESS JOIN TO THE BLEND OF OUR PERFECTING ST PHILLOS

AND WE KNEW

YES...

I SUPPOSE THAT MUST BE IT

AT ANY RATE I CERTAINLY DIDN'T CONSIDER YOU 16'S FEELINGS

OR LEENE'S, FOR THAT MATTER OR EVEN PRINCESS ISHTAR'S



HAVE BEEN SO HORRIBLE?

HOW COULD I...

WHAT KIND OF A MOTHER PUSHES HER OWN CHILD TO TRY AND KILL HIMSELF? AND POOR LEENE...



LADY SONIA!

DON'T DROP HER, YOU DOLT!

!!



MAYBE KELD WAS RIGHT
LADY SONIA...
WOULD SEEM TO BE SICKER THAN
SHE'S LETTING ON



THOSE
PE PLS
WOULD LIKE
NOTHING
MORE THAN
TO POISON
MY HAND
AGAINST YOU
BUT I HAVE
GREAT FAITH
IN YOU
I ALWAYS
HAVE

EVEN SO,
THERE ARE
ALWAYS
PE PLS
WHO ARE
DEALT JS
OF THOSE
WITH
ABILITY

I WAS SO
PROUD WHEN
YOU BECAME
OUR ARMY'S
YOUNGEST
GENERAL
EVERYONE
SAYS YOU'RE
SO KIND TO
ME WHEN
IT COMES TO
TACTICS

ASHLEY

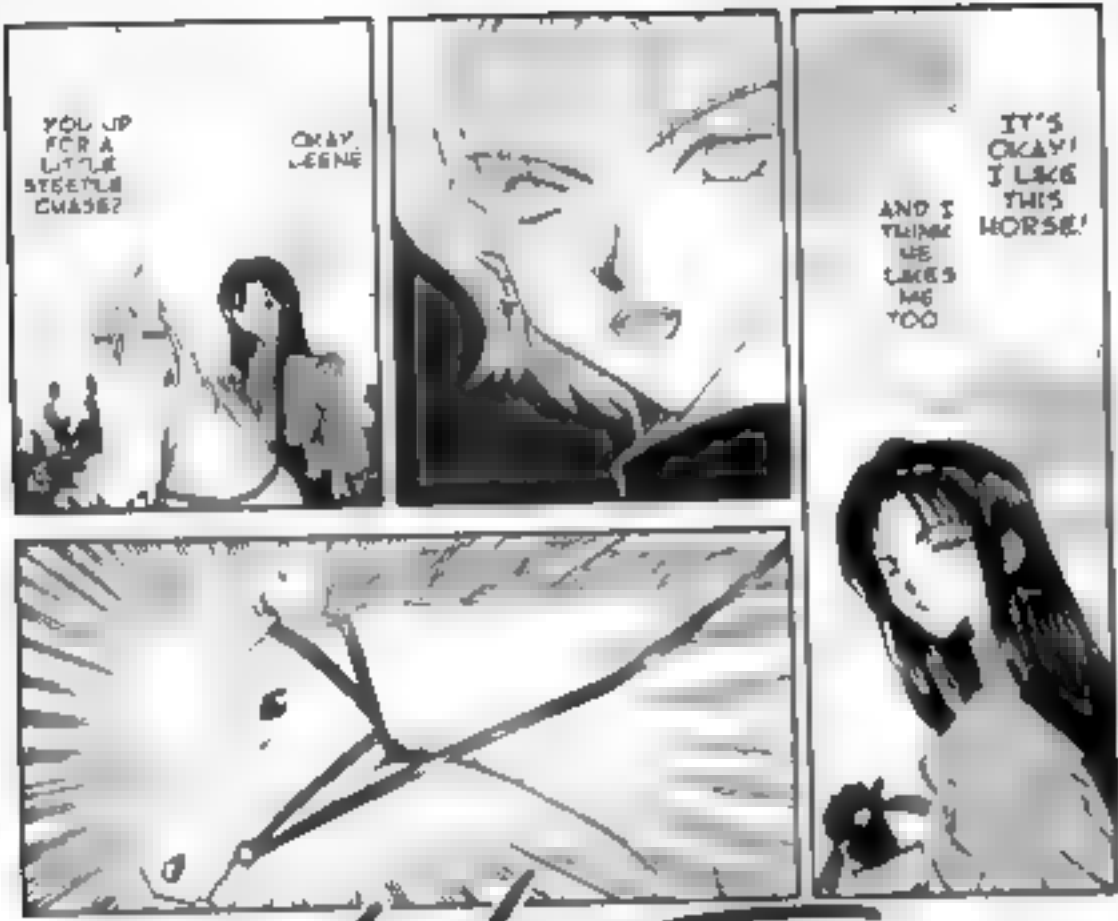


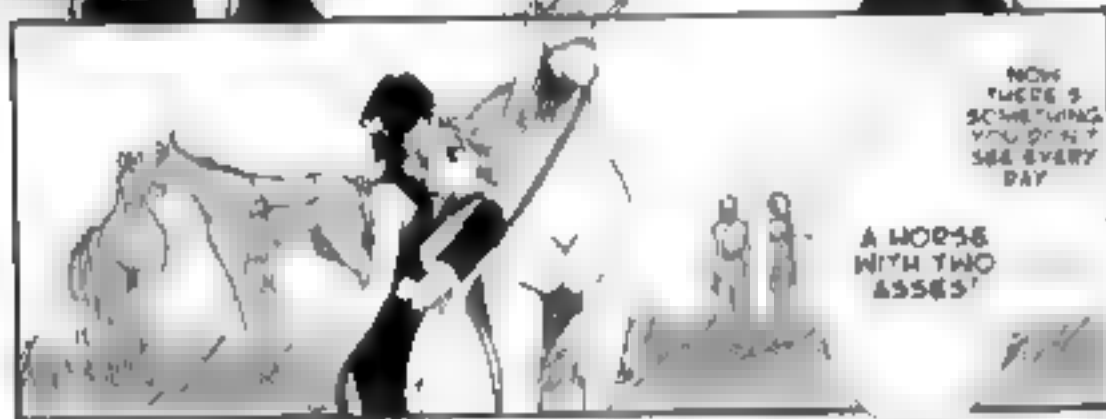
I
WANT
YOU TO
PROMISE
ME YOU'LL
TAKE CARE
OF BOTH
Z ALDA
AND THAT
FOUL
SON OF
MINE
YOU

AND IF
SOMETHING
WERE EVER
TO HAPPEN
TO ME



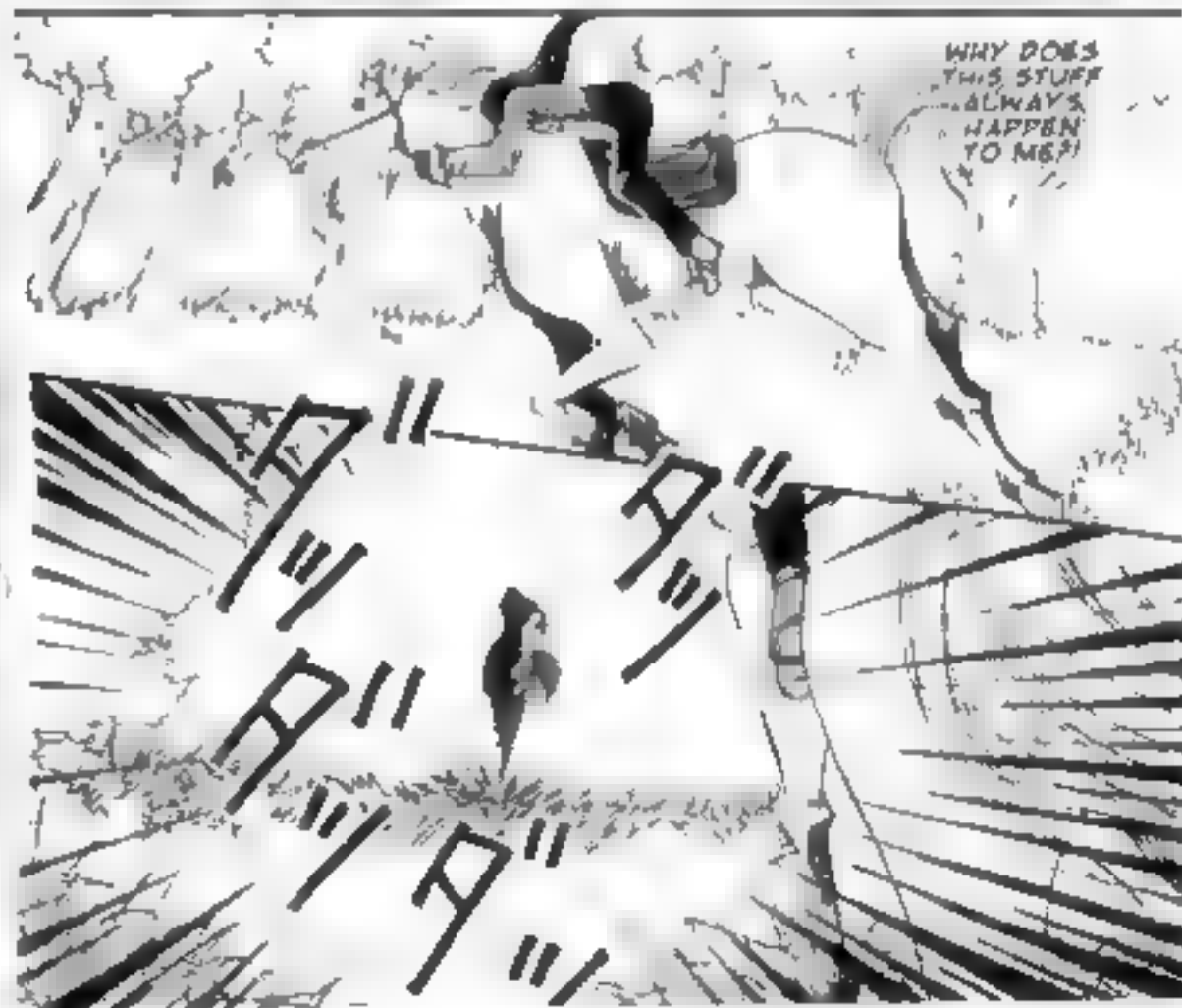
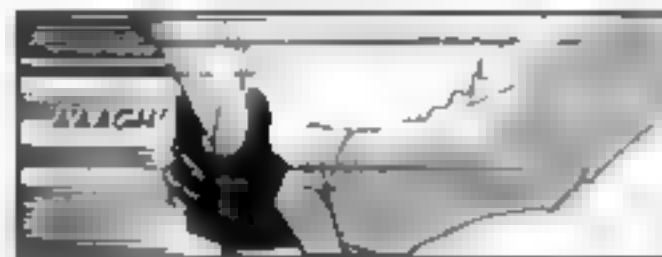
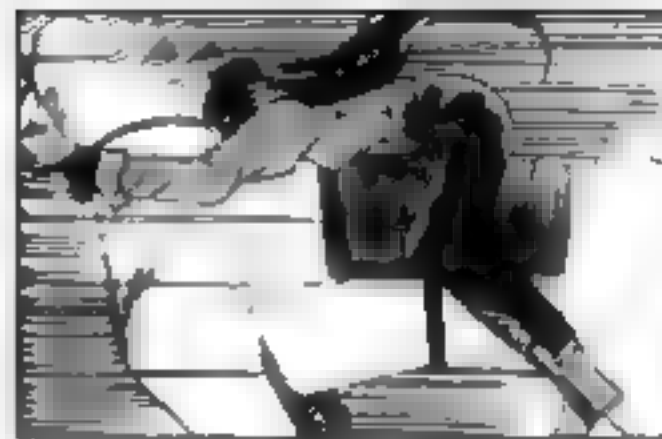
AUGH!





A HORSE WITH TWO ASSES!







吸血遊戲
南嶺篇
Act.5

IN
PERSON.

ALTHOUGH,
THEY HAVE
A DIFFERENT
NAME FOR
ME HERE

DO YOU
REMEMBER
A SILLY
LITTLE BOY
NAMED
YUUJEL?

GRIN

WHAT?!!
YOU'RE...?!
NO WAY!!!





OH,
IT'S
YOU,
DUZIE!



I HEARD
US TALKED
TO COME
TO LIDS WITH
ASHLEY'S WIFE
SHE WAS IN
LOVE WITH
WIM C P
SOME THING

It never
understand
you understand
throwing your
only lives
around the
they might
something



OKAY,
THAT'S
COOL
AND
ALL BUT
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I WAS.



YOU'RE
NOT
GOING TO
BELIEVE
THIS YOU
KNOW MY
COUSIN,
YUNJEL?



WOM
ABOUT
A DEER
PART
HER?

NO
KIDDING?

WELL,
IF YOU
PUT IT
THAT
WAY...



NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'!!!

They're got to
stop grading the
grounds soon
on a note...





ISN'T THAT WHAT I JUST SAID?
BUT NOT YUJINN, THAT OTHER GUY YUJSEL.



THEY HAD A SUICIDE PACT? AND THEY TRIED TO GO THROUGH WITH IT?

LEENE

—AND YUJINN!!!



DUZE...

...THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU.



YUJINN

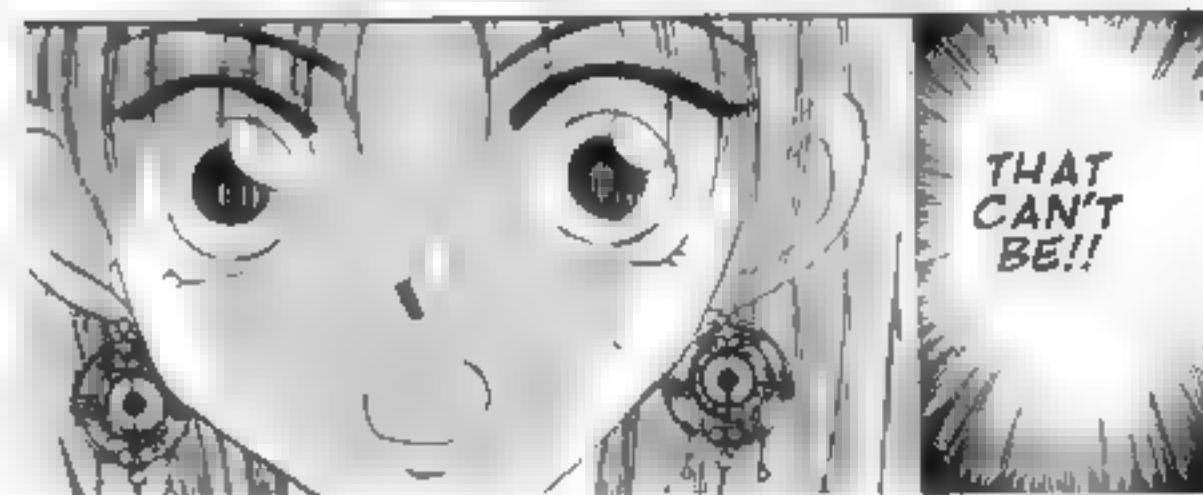
LEENE

ASHLEY'S WIFE

LEENE

YUJSEL

YUJINN



THAT CAN'T BE!!

YOU
KNOW I
GET A FUNNY
FEELING WHEN
HE'S AROUND!
THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
BITE HIM!!

THIS
CAN'T BE
HAPPENING !!!

YOU
GET A
FUNNY
FEELING
AROUND
YUJINN?

YOU
LITTLE
DEVIL

I SAID
THAT
YUJINN IS
REALLY MY
COUSIN
YUUJEL!

HUH?

YUJINN'S
YUUJEL!

YUJIN = YUUJEL
YUJINN = ROYALTY
YUJINN = MIGHT BE
PHELIOS

WHAT,
WHAT,
WHAAAT?!!



YOU'RE
NOT
GOING
TO TELL
ME SHE'S
PHELOS
NOW, ARE
YOU?



OF
COURSE
NOT!



SHE'S
REALLY

IT'S
JUST
THAT..



YOUR
AUNT
SONIA



FORGET
THE
FEELING.
WE HAVE
MORE
IMPORTANT
THINGS TO
DISCUSS



AND
SHE'S
REALLY..
UM,
WELL..

...I HAD
SOME
OF HER
BLOOD
TODAY



THAT'S
THE HORSE
THAT TRIED
TO THROW
PRINCESS
ISHTAR!
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?

I
TOLD THE
STABLEMASTER
TO HAVE HIM
PUT DOWN.
I'M GOING
TO HAVE THAT
SON OF A
BITCH'S HEAD!
FIRST HE GIVES
ISHTAR THE
WRONG HORSE.
THEN HE
DISOBEYS
MY ORDER



HOLD ON
A SECOND!
YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE A HORSE
SLAUGHTERED
JUST BECAUSE
IT WENT
CRAZY?

IT'S
NOT THE
HORSE'S FAULT!
ISHTAR DRIVES
EVERYONE
CRAZY. WHY
SHOULD THE
HORSE BE ANY
DIFFERENT?



SHE'S
SICK,
ISHTAR
REALLY
SICK





I'M
SORRY I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE SAID
THAT



WHAT
DO YOU
HAVE
TO
LOSE?



LOOK,
I'LL
MAKE
A DEAL
WITH
YOU...

IF I CAN
BREAK
THIS HORSE
SO THAT
ANYONE
CAN RIDE
HIM WILL
YOU AGREE
TO LET HIM
LIVE?



IT SENT
THREE OF
THE GUARDS
TO THE
INFIRMARY. NO
ONE COULD
GET NEAR IT
MUCH LESS
STEAL IT. AND
WHAT'S MORE
I'M NOT
USED TO THE
PALACE STAFF
DISOBEYING
MY ORDERS!

THERE'S
SOMETHING
NOT RIGHT
ABOUT THAT
STALLION.
IT CAN WOUND
ITS RAMPAGE
LONG AFTER
WE RETURNED
IT TO THE
STABLE.



THE
PRINCESS
ISN'T TO
BLAME

I SAW HER
MOUNT THE
HORSE. SHE
DID NOTHING
OUT OF THE
ORDINARY



TRUST ME,
IF ANYONE
DESERVES
TO BE PUT
DOWN,
IT'S THE
PRINCESS!



YOU'RE
WRONG. I'VE
BEEN RIDING
HORSES SINCE
CHILDHOOD. AND
ONE THING I
LEARNED IS THAT
THERE'S NO SUCH
THING AS A BAD
HORSE. JUST
INCOMPETENT
HUMANS TRYING
TO COVER
THEIR OWN
ASSES.



?!



LUCY,
WHY DON'T
YOU LET
HIM TRY IT?

YOU
NEVER
KNOW,
HE MIGHT
SURPRISE
YOU

OR HE
MIGHT GET
HIS NECK
BROKEN
EITHER WAY
IT SHOULD BE
ENTERTAINING



YOU'LL
WHAT?

NO
ONE CAN
BLAME
YOU FOR
LETTING THE
PRINCESS
SIDE A
DANGEROUS
ANIMAL
DEAD

I'LL
TRAIN HIM
SO THAT
EVEN THE
WORST
RIDER CAN
HANDLE HIM,
THAT WAY..



YOU
OBVIOUSLY
DON'T KNOW
THE PRINCESS

HE HAS
A SPECIAL
PLACE IN
HIS HEART
FOR PLUMB
ANIMALS

LIKE
THEY'RE
FAMILY OR
SOMETHING.



I GUESS
SO BUT
WHAT'S IN
IT FOR
YOU?

IT'S
A BIT
INVOLVED

AND I
REALLY AM
SORRY THAT
I COULDN'T
TELL YOU
UNTIL NOW.
MY REAL
NAME IS.

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INVOLVED

AND I
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I COULDN'T
TELL YOU
UNTIL NOW.
MY REAL
NAME IS.

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THE
BOTTOM
LINE IS THAT
WE MUST DO
SOMETHING.
THE LAST
TIME ISHTAR
WAS NEARLY
KILLED BY
AN ANIMAL.

SHE
ADOPTED THE
CREATURE'S
OFFSPRING AS
A PET. GOD
ONLY KNOWS
WHAT SHE'LL
DO HERE.

THE
BOTTOM
LINE IS THAT
WE MUST DO
SOMETHING.
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TIME ISHTAR
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KILLED BY
AN ANIMAL.

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CREATURE'S
OFFSPRING AS
A PET. GOD
ONLY KNOWS
WHAT SHE'LL
DO HERE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

ZZ-ZZ~

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

ZZ-ZZ~



YOU
DON'T SAY
WELL YES.
JM HE'S
VERY GOOD
AT THAT
DOCTORING
STUFF.



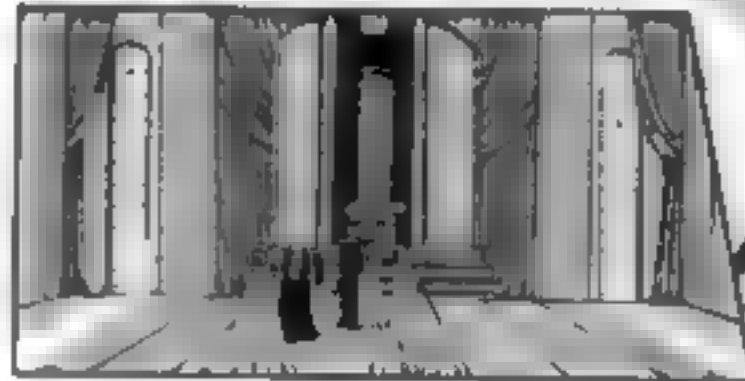
THANK
YOU
ISHTAR!

IF YOUR
PERSONAL
DOCTOR
HADN'T
HAPPENED
BY I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I WOULD
HAVE
DONE.

I THOUGHT
MY HEART
WAS GOING
TO STOP!
IT FELT
LIKE THERE
WASN'T A
DROP OF
BLOOD
LEFT IN MY
VEINS!

YOU
DON'T DO
HIM JUSTICE
I'M FEELING
BETTER THAN
I HAVE IN
YEARS!

*And let's say
on the eye.
That's one doctor
I wouldn't want
playing doctor
with.*



HAHAHAHA!



WE'S
HERE
I JUST
SAW
HIM!



YOU DID?
HOW
SPLENDID!

GOSH, THE
LAST TIME YOU
TWO SAW EACH
OTHER YOU WERE
PRACTICALLY
TODDLERS! YOU
KNOW THEY
SAY YOU NEVER
FORGET YOUR
FIRST LOVE.

Or your
first enemy!



THANK
YOU
AGAIN,
GOOD
DOCTOR.



ETHER
WAY WE
HAS MY
SYM
PATHIES

ISMTAR
HAS HER
OWN
DOCTOR?
DOES HE
TREAT THE
INJURIES
SHE
GETS OR
INFLECTS?



I
HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
YET BUT
I HEAR..

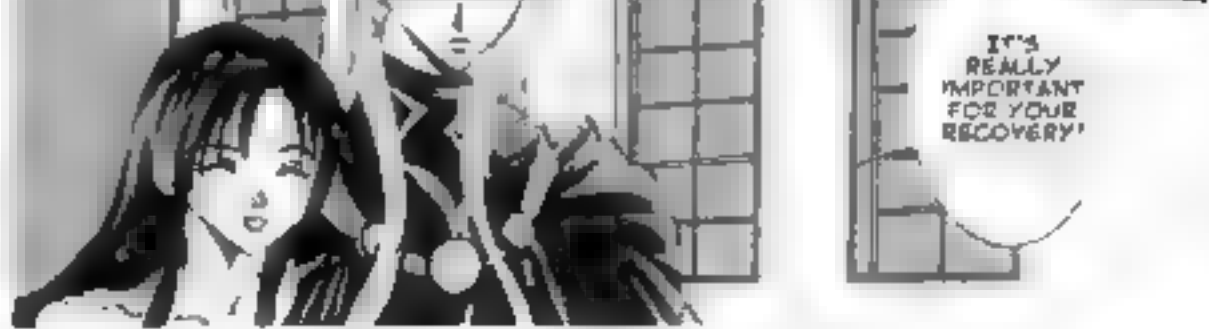
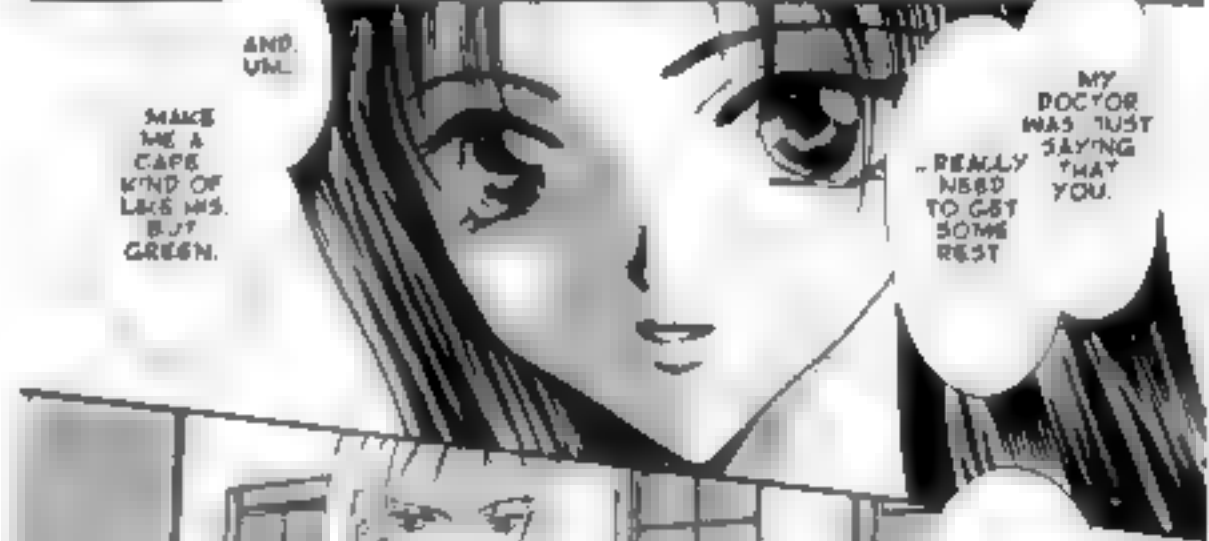
OH,
AND I
HAVE
MORE
GOOD
NEWS!

KNOWING
MY BOY..
HE'LL
PROBABLY
STROLL INTO
THE HALL
DURING ONE
OF OUR DINNER
PARTIES AND
POUR HIMSELF
SOME WINE,
AS IF HE HAD
NEVER LEFT



MY SON,
YUUGEL,
IS BACK
HOME!
ISN'T THAT
EXCITING?!

SUCH
A NICE
SURPRISE!



THIS
ISN'T THE
FIRST TIME
THIS HAS
HAPPENED

BUT
I'M
FINE
REALLY

THANK
YOU
FOR
THINKING
OF ME
ISHTAR
YOU'RE
TOO KIND

BESIDES,
YOU'LL
MAY POP
IN AT ANY
MOMENT
I MUST
BE HERE
TO GREET
HIM

AND
AS LONG
AS YOUR
DECISIONS
WERE, I CAN
GUARANTEE
I WON'T
BE THE
LAST

ANYWAYS,
AUNT
SOME...

AND
UM...

MAKE
ME A
CAPE
KIND OF
LIKE MS.
BUT
GREEN.

MY
DOCTOR
WAS JUST
SAYING
THAT YOU
REALLY
NEED
TO GET
SOME
REST

IT'S
REALLY
IMPORTANT
FOR YOUR
RECOVERY!



YOU
THINK
IT'S
THAT?!

GUESS
AGAIN.

HOW
ABOUT
LYING TO
US AND
PRETENDING
YOU'RE
SOMEONE
YOU'RE
NOT?!



I HOPE
YOU'RE NOT
MAD ABOUT
THE WHOLE
"TREADING
YOUR HECK"
THING. IT WAS
JUST A JOKE.
DARRÉS, I'M
SORRY.



AUNT
SONIA..

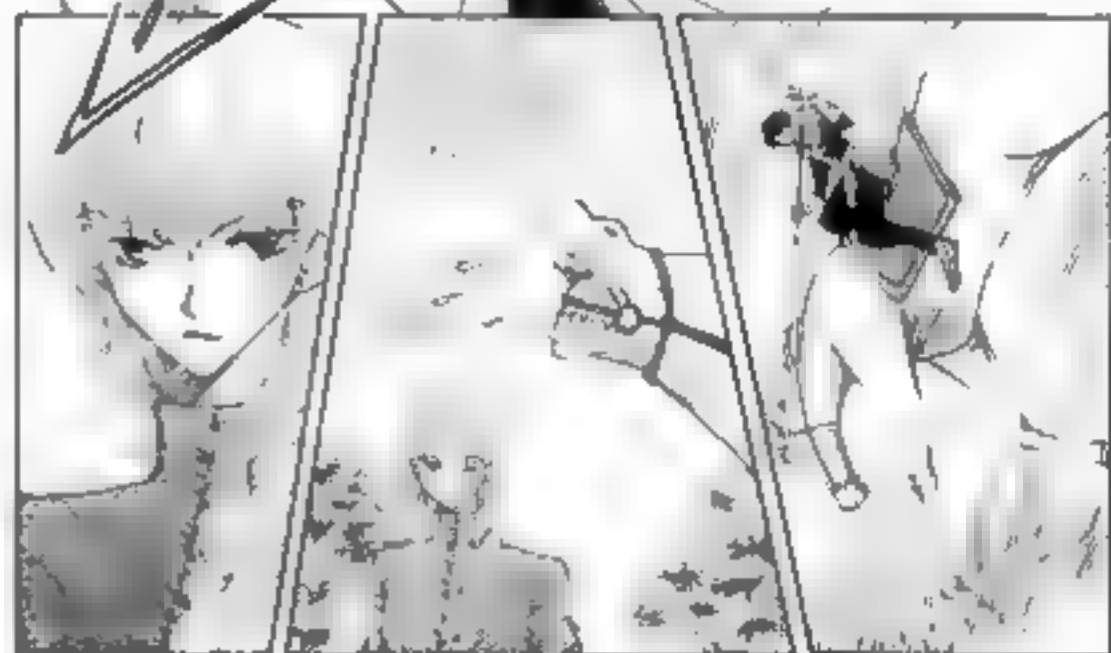


YOU
COULD
LEARN
A THING
OR TWO
FROM
ME, DARRÉS.

BUT THEN
AGAIN, SHE'S
NEVER
REALLY
CONSIDERED
HERSELF
WITH PEOPLE.



OH, THAT
IT WAS
NECESSARY
PRINCESS
ISHTAR
FORGAVE
ME.





CH

I
STILL
CAN'T
FIGURE
OUT



YOU'RE
VERY
WELL
QUALIFIED.

WHY YOU
NEEDED TO
MASQUERADE
AS HER MAGIC
TEACHER IF
YOU WANTED
TO GET CLOSER
TO PRINCESS
ISHYAR WHY
NOT JUST
COURT HER LIKE
ANY OTHER
SUITOR?



TRIFLES?

THERE'S NOTHING
TRIVIAL ABOUT
MISREPRESENTING
YOURSELF TO
GET A JOB IN
HER MAJESTY'S
SERVICE IF YOU
WERE A GUARD,
YOU'D BE COURT-
MARTIALED!

AND
THERE'S
SOMETHING
YOU'RE
STILL NOT
TELLING
ME ISN'T
THERE?



CALL ME
WHICH
EVER YOU
PREFER

TRUTH
IS I
DON'T
CARE

I
HAVEN'T
TOLD YOU
WHETHER
I PREFER
YUJINN
OR
YUJEL



!!

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I
MEANT!







ARE
YOU
SAYING
I'M THE
REASON
ISHTAR
HAS
BEEN...

REJECTING
ALL HER
SUITORS?



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南鎖篇
Act.6





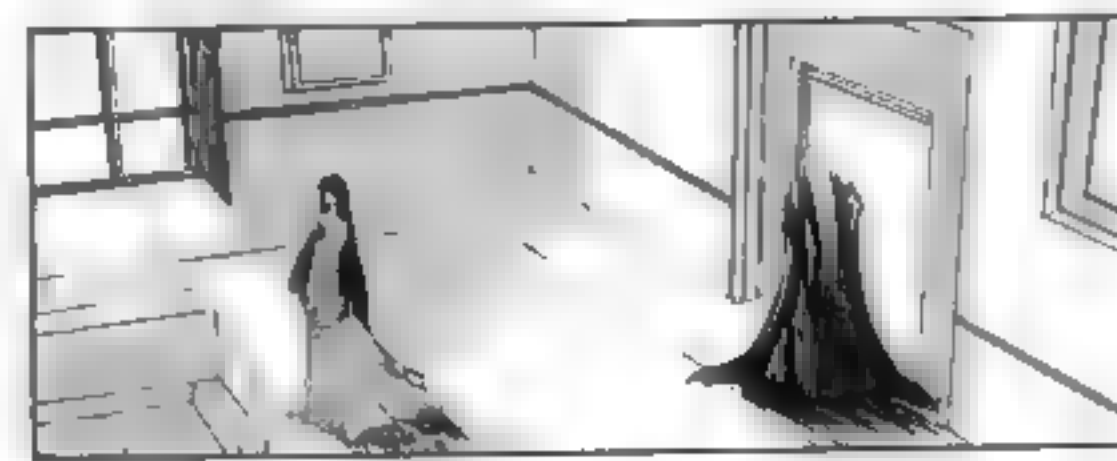
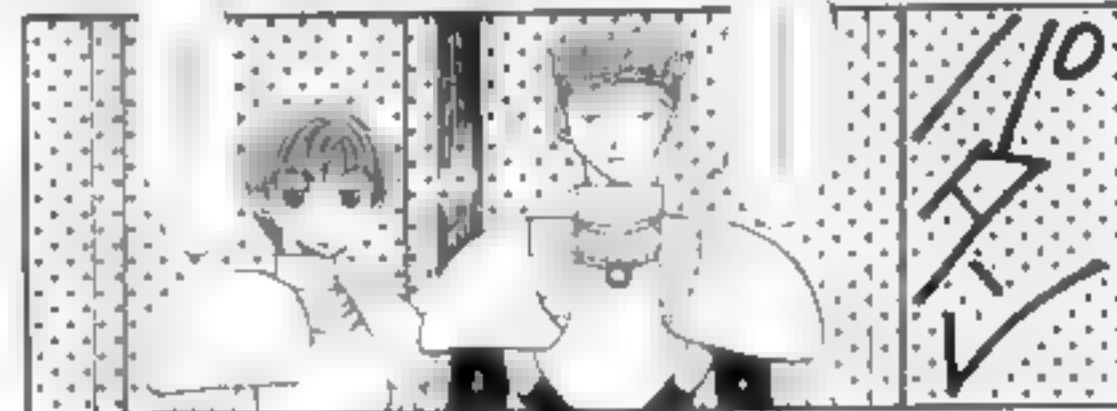


"...WITH
HIS BEST
FRIEND'S
WIFE"



HOW
MUCH
I'VE
MISSED
YOU!

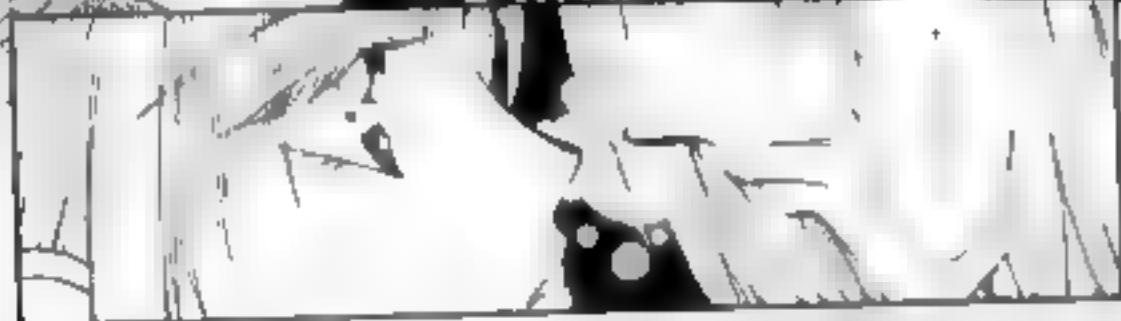
YOU
HAVE
NO
IDEA...





VAMPIRE?

IF YOU
WANT MY
HELP WHY
DON'T YOU
JUST ASK?



IT'S QUITE
EASY AND
RELATIVELY
PAINLESS.



ISN'T
THAT
WHAT
ALL YOU
HUMANS
WANT?
TO LIVE
FOREVER?

I COULD
GIVE IT
TO HER
YOU KNOW
ETERNAL
LIFE.



SO
WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING IS
THAT SHE'S
GOING TO
GO SOON...



OR A
WIZARD
OR A...



I WISH
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
I COULD
DO ABOUT
IT IF ONLY
I WERE A
DOCTOR.



BUT
YOU'RE
NOT SURE
WHEN?





THAT'S
KINDA
GROSS.
DUZIE
AUNT
SONIA'S
ANCIENT



YEAH
BUT SHE
LOOKS 7
YOU DON'T
BEHIDES.
I CAN'T
SEE AUNT
SONIA AS
A VAMPIRE
SHE FAINTS
AT THE
SIGHT OF
BLOOD



SO
AM
I



FRIENDS?

YOU
MEAN..

...YOU'D
BE WILLING
TO DRINK
AUNT SONIA'S
BLOOD AND
MAKE HER
ONE OF YOUR
EMPIRE
FRIENDS?

I SUPPOSE
THAT'S ONE
WAY OF
PUTTING IT
THOUGH IT'S
NOT LIKE
WE'D BE BEST
BUDDIES OR
ANYTHING.

WE'D
BE
MORE
LIKE..

WELL, LIKE
LOVERS,
I SUPPOSE



BUT
IN THIS
RELATIONSHIP,
I'D HAVE
ALL THE
CONTROL

ISHTAR.

LEENE.

NAME
MOM ARE
YOU AND
ASHLEY
DOING? IS
EVERYTHING
OKAY?

NO,
IT'S NOT!
AND YOU
KNOW
IT!!

YOU
TRICKED
ME!

YOU HAD IT ALL
PLANNED OUT!
YOU CONVINCED
ME TO DO THINGS
YOU KNEW WOULD
CAUSE TROUBLE,
THEN CONVINCED
YOUR PAL ASHLEY
TO PROPOSE TO
ME WHEN I WAS
FEELING LOW!

WE
MIGHT
MAKE A
GOOD
VAMPIRE
AND IF
HE WAS
IMMORTAL,
I'D NEVER
HAVE TO
WATCH
HIM.

GROW
OLD
AND
DIE

DARRES
ON THE
OTHER
HAND..



AND WITH
ISHTAR
INVOLVED
THE CHANCE
OF DISASTER
IS HIGH

MATCHMAKING
IS OBVIOUSLY
NOT ONE OF MY
STRENGTHS

PRINCESS
ISHTAR
WAS MY
FIRST LOVE

YOU'LL
PROBABLY
NEVER
BELIEVE
THIS BUT
I ASSURE
YOU IT'S
TRUE

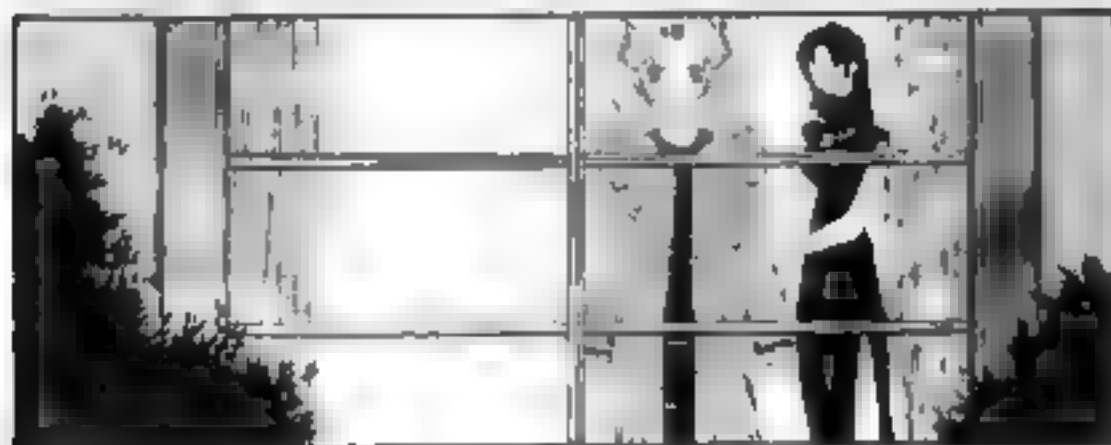
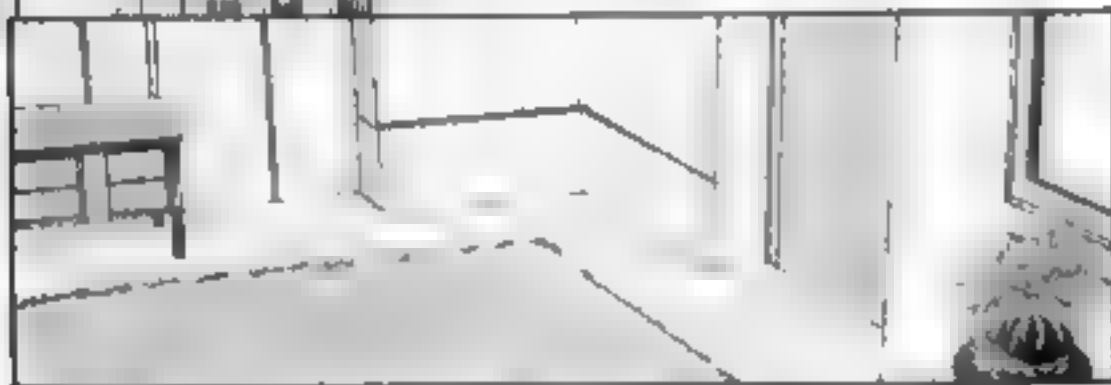
BUT
GETTING
BACK TO
PRINCESS
ISHTAR...

SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
IT'S A
LONG
STORY

FRIEND
OF
YOURS?

YOU CAN'T
REALLY MEAN
THAT BUT THE
FIRST TIME YOU
SAW HER, YOU
WERE THIRTEEN
AND SHE WAS
FIVE THAT'S
NOT LOVE
THAT'S JUST
SEX!

ON
SECOND
THOUGHT
MAYBE I
SHOULD
LET THIS
LITTLE
MESS BE
A LESSON
TO ME



BESIDES,
I SAID
SHE WAS
MY FIRST
LOVE

DARRE'S

AGE
AND
GENDER
MEAN
NOTHING
WHEN IT
COMES
TO TRUE
LOVE



NOT MY
CURRENT
ONE



I CAME TO
PUEBLOSTA
LOOKING
FOR
SOMEONE
TO LOVE.
DARRE'S
AND I
FOUND
HIM



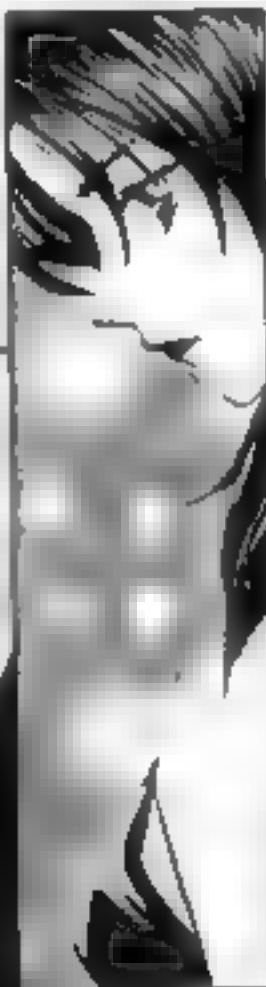
OF COURSE,
THE SAME
THING COULD
BE SAID OF
VAMPIRES



WE
COULD

BUT KILLING
HER ISN'T
PERMANENT
ENOUGH TO
SATISFY YOUR
TASTE FOR
VENGEANCE.
TRUST ME
ON THAT

NO,
THERE
ARE FAR
BETTER
WAYS
TO GET
REVENGE.



BUT
YOU COULD
USE YOUR
MAGIC ON
THE WOMAN
HE'S IN
LOVE WITH,
RIGHT?

CAN'T WE
JUST GET
RID OF
PRINCESS
ISHTAR?



THERE HAS TO
BE A SPELL FOR
THIS, RIGHT?
SOMETHING
THAT WILL
MAKE HIM
FORGET ABOUT
HER AND FALL
IN LOVE WITH
ME



DAMMIT,
D'AAGE!
WHAT AM
I GOING
TO DO?!

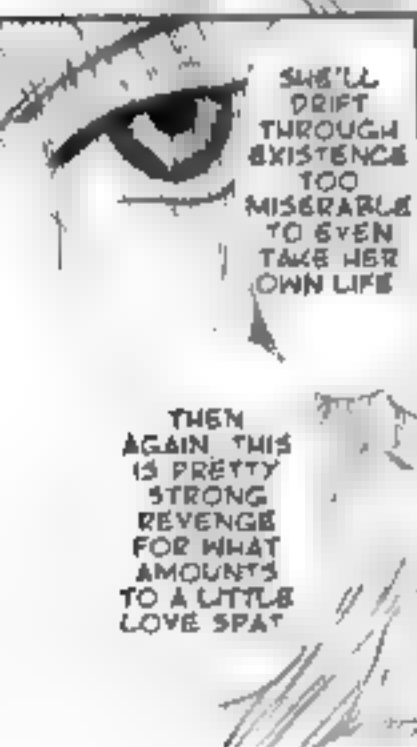


THAT'S WHAT I LOVE
ABOUT YOU HUMANS
YOUR CAPACITY FOR LOVE
MAKES YOU WEAK AND
EASY TO MANIPULATE

I'M
SORRY,
MY DEAR.
THERE
ARE SOME
THINGS
THAT EVEN
MAGIC
CAN'T
DO.

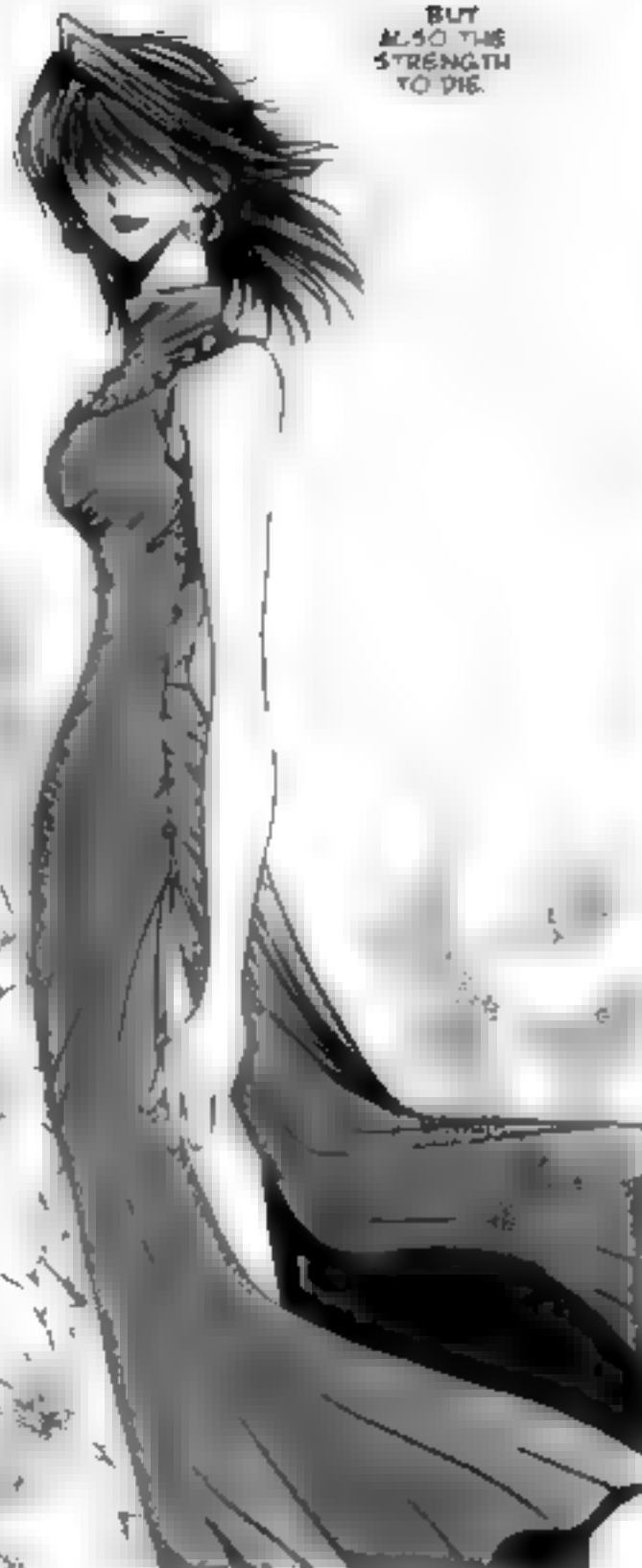


?!
..



SHE'LL
DRIFT
THROUGH
EXISTENCE
TOO
MISERABLE
TO EVEN
TAKE HER
OWN LIFE

THEN
AGAIN THIS
IS PRETTY
STRONG
REVENGE
FOR WHAT
AMOUNTS
TO A LITTLE
LOVE SPAT



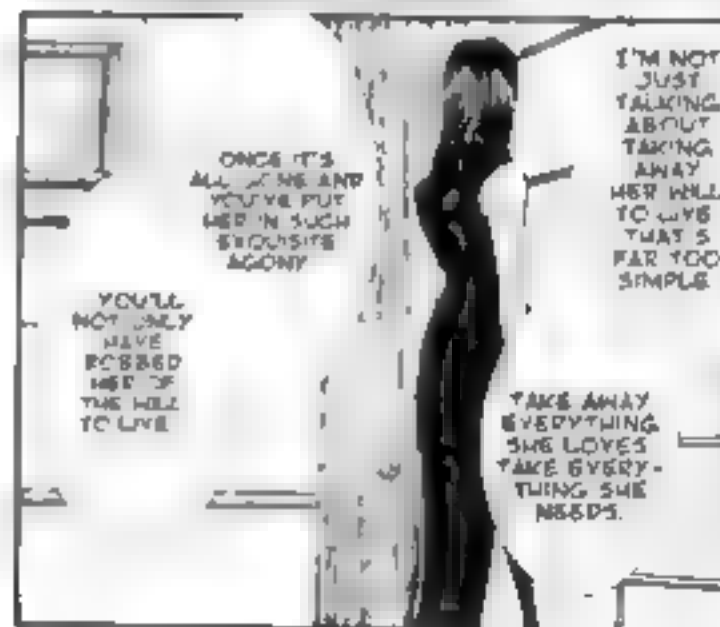
BUT
ALSO THE
STRENGTH
TO DIE.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
IT'S NOT
PERMANENT
ENOUGH?



OH,
NEVER
MIND
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



ONCE IT'S
ALL DONE AND
YOU'VE PUT
HER IN SUCH
EXQUISITE
AGONY

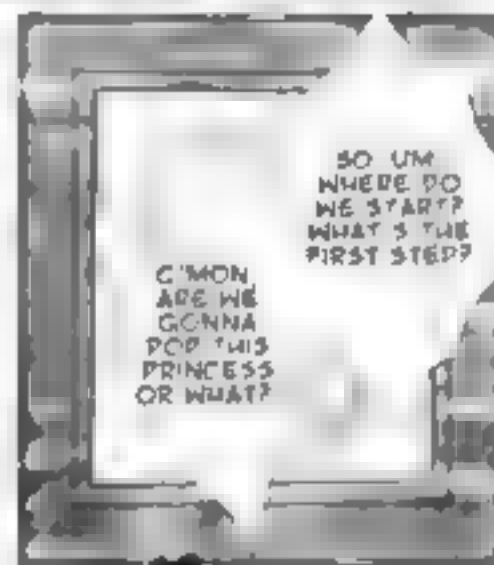
YOU'LL
NOT ONLY
HAVE
ROBBED
HER OF
THE WILL
TO LIVE

I'M NOT
JUST
TALKING
ABOUT
TAKING
AWAY
HER WILL
TO LIVE
THAT'S
FAR TOO
SIMPLE

TAKE AWAY
EVERYTHING
SHE LOVES
TAKE EVERY-
THING SHE
NEEDS.

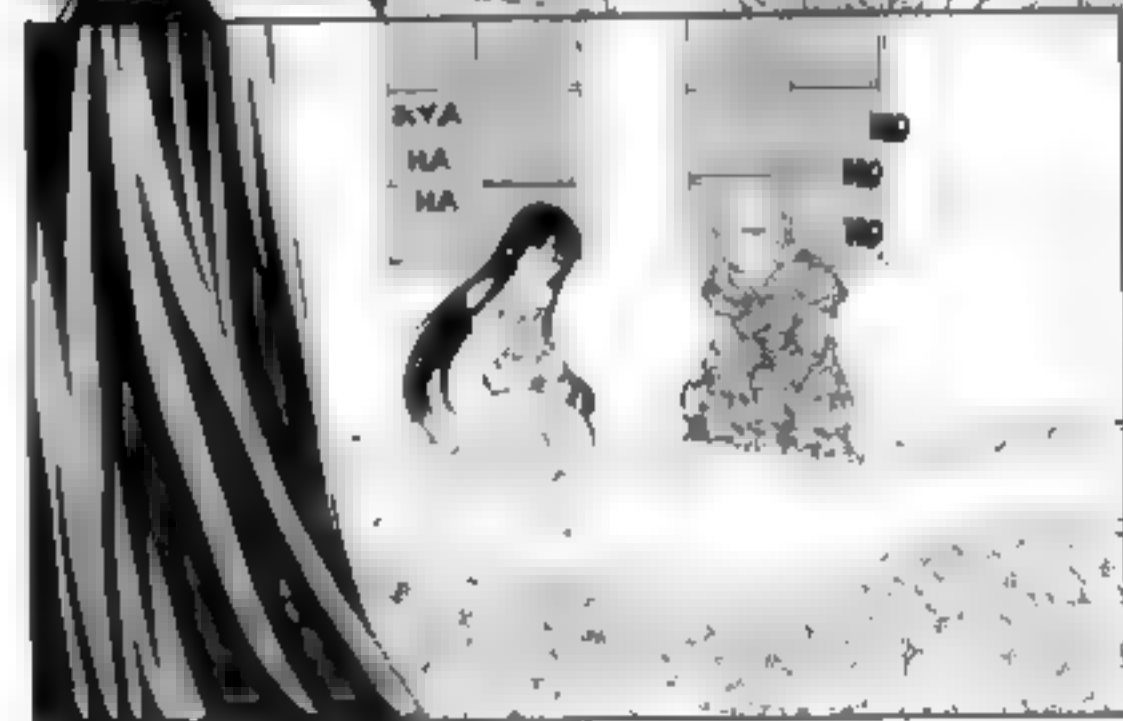


MAKE
HER
SUFFER





PRINCESS ISHTAR







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I SUPPOSE
YOU CAN
SAY THAT
WE'RE
FAMILY



YOU
NEVER
TOLD
ME YOU
HAD A
FAMILY!



"FAMILY?"



WELL,
DUZIE...
YOU'VE
BEEN
HOLDING
OUT ON
ME



WHY DON'T
YOU TELL
ME WHAT'S
GOING ON
BETWEEN
YOU AND MISS
MIDNIGHT
OVER
THERE?



YOU
MEAN
DIAAGE?

WE
WEREN'T
LOVERS,
IF THAT'S
WHAT
YOU'RE
INFERRING.
HARDLY
EVEN
FRIENDS.
IN FACT



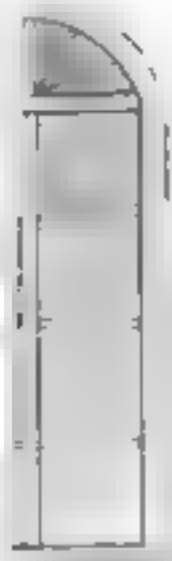
MY LORD IS
INDISPPOSED
HE MUSTN'T

MY ORDERS
ARE TO LET
NO ONE PASS
IF YOU GO IN
THERE IT WILL
BE BOTH OF
OUR NECKS!



LADY DIAAGE!

LADY DIAAGE!



WAS A
VAMPIRE
COUNTESS.

IN FACT I
DON'T EVEN
THINK THAT'S
THE SAME
DIAAGE BUT
WHOEVER
SHE IS, SHE
LOOKS JUST
LIKE HER

I
DOUBT
IT



YOU
MEAN
SHE'S A
VAMPIRE?
WHAT'S SHE
DOING HERE?
IS SHE
LOOKING
FOR
PHELIOS
TOO?

THE
DIAAGE
I
KNEW.



HAVE YOU
LOST YOUR
MIND? I
REALLY
WORE THIS
WAR WITH
THE HUMANS
IS YOUR IDEA
OF A BAD
Joke




BUT I
DON'T SEE
HOW MY
SPORT
WITH THE
HUMANS
CONCENS
YOU

TACTFUL
AS ALWAYS.
DIEASE


YOUR
INTRUSION
NOTES ME
OF COURSE.

INDIS-
POSED
IS THAT
WHAT
THEY
CALL.

GOING
TO WAR
THESE
DAYS?



NO,
THE
DAMAGE
I KNEW.




WOULDN'T
FORGET ME
CERTAINLY
NOT AFTER
A MERE ONE
HUNDRED
YEARS

WHATEVER
DID YOU
HEAR
SUCH A
RIDICULOUS
THING?

WHEN
YOU BAD
BOYS GET
TOGETHER
YOU'RE
WORSE THAN
A ROOM FULL
OF SCHOOL-
GIRLS

I MEAN,
IMAGINE YOU
AGAINST ME?
I'M SURE EVEN
SOMEONE
AS POWER AS
YOU CAN SEE
THE HUMOR
IN THAT I'D
GIGGLE MYSELF
TO PIECES
WHILE BINDING
YOUR SOUL
TO ETERNAL
DAMNATION.



PERHAPS
A BATTLE
BETWEEN
THE TWO OF
US WOULD
BE MORE
FULFILLING
THAN TOYING
WITH THOSE
PITIFUL
LITTLE
HUMANS,
EH?

WELL,
UNLESS
YOU'RE JUST
AS BORED WITH
THIS EXISTENCE
AS I AM, TELL
ME DO YOU
REALLY THINK
I'VE BECOME
"POMPOUS AND
PATHETIC"?
OR IS THAT
JUST THE
KIND OF THING
THAT GETS
WHISPERED
BEHIND MY
BACK?





HUH?
DUZIE!
WHERE
ARE
YOU...?

THAT YOU'LL
STAY WHERE
DARRES CAN
SEE YOU!



THINK
YOU'LL
GET HER
BACK ON
IT?

I HEAR
YOU'VE BEEN
SPENDING SOME
SERIOUS TIME
WITH THAT WISE
I GUESS COM-
PARED TO THE
WISDOM THAT
MY JET'S A
PUSHOVER

SO, CAPTAIN.



I'VE
STILL
GOT A
LONG
WAY
TO GO

WHENEVER
SOMEONE
ELSE TRIES
TO RIDE
HIM..

HE
STARTS
BUCKING.

WHAT'S
THE
PROBLEM?

I
DON'T
KNOW.



I
SUPPOSE
IT'S POSSIBLE

..THAT REALLY
IS D-AGE
AND SHARLEN'S
USE OF THE
NAME IS JUST
COINCIDENCE

HELL OF A
COINCIDENCE,
THOUGH
UNLESS...

ISHYAR
I'VE GOT
TO CHECK
SOMETHING
OUT



HE JUST
SHOWED UP
WITH THE
PRINCESS THIS
AFTERNOON
SHE ACTED
LIKE IT WAS
COMPLETELY
NORMAL
SO WE DIDN'T
THINK ANY
THING OF IT

HER
PERSONAL
DOCTOR
IT WAS NEW
TO US TOO
I DIDN'T
REALIZE SHE
HAD ONE



UN
DOOBY
BELL OR
SOME
THINGS

WHAT'S
HIS
NAME?



THAT'S THE
VAMPIRE KING
DUZELL, YOU
MEATHEAD!!!

DOOLEYBELL?
I DON'T
BELIEVE
THAT..

D-DOCTOR
DOOLEYBELL
IS REALLY THE
VAMPIRE KING
DUZELL?!



WHO'S
THE CREEP
TALKING TO
ISHTAR?
SHE'S BEEN
ON HIS ARM
ALL NIGHT

BUT
FORGET
THE
HORSE.

I'VE
NEVER SEEN
HIM BEFORE
AND I KNOW
NOTHING
ABOUT HIM,
BUT IF THERE'S
ONE THING
I KNOW IT'S
THAT PLATINUM
BLONDES ARE
ALWAYS
TROUBLE



OH
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
HIM!



HER
WHAT?

HE MAY
LOOK LIKE
A MANK-
DEPRESSIVE
GYPSY
BUT HE'S
ACTUALLY
PRINCESS
ISHTAR'S
PERSONAL
DOCTOR.

HEY
THAT'S



MORE
THAN
LIKELY
TH'S DR
DUZELL
IS JL ST
ANOTHER
NICKNAME.

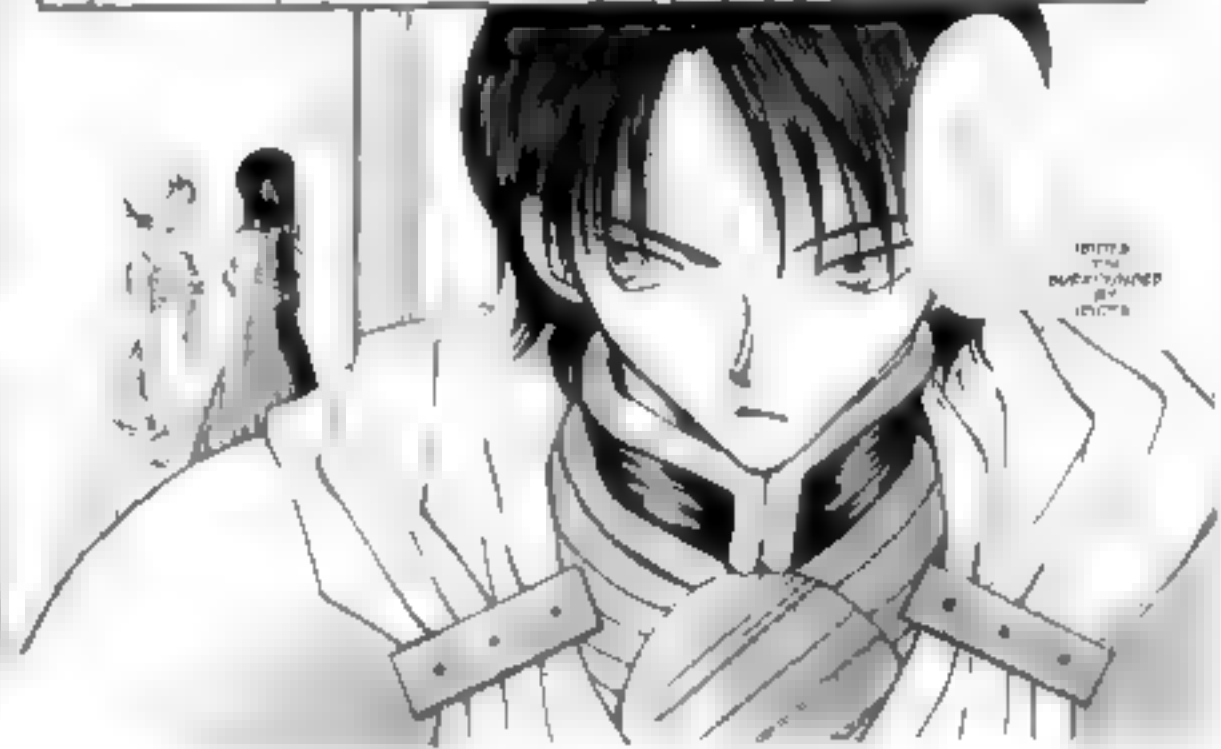
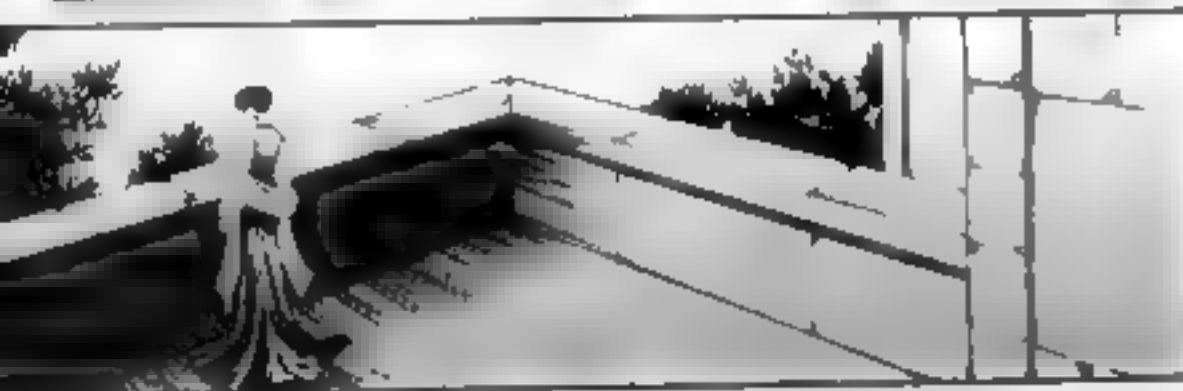
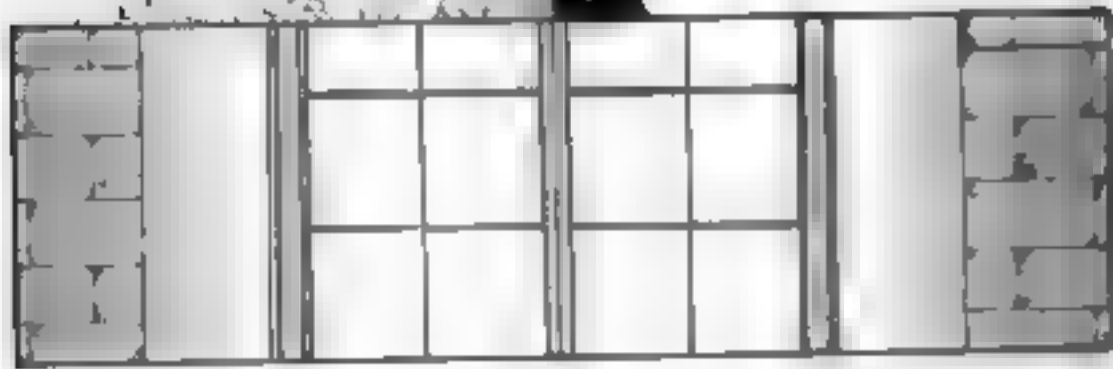
NO, NO, NO! HANG
ON A SECOND
GUYS. I THINK
WHAT WE HAVE
HERE IS JUST A BIG
MISUNDERSTANDING
EVER SINCE ISHTAR
CHOSE "DUZELL"
FOR THE NAME OF
HER PET. SHE'S BEEN
USING VARIATIONS OF
IT AS ALIASES FOR
HERSELF.



MUCH OF
COURSE
MEANS THAT
THE DOCTOR'S
NOT THE
VAMPIRE KING,
BUT PRINCESS
ISHTAR
HERSELF.



BUT BUT,
VAMPIRES CAN'T
BE DOCTORS,
CAN THEY? I
MEAN THEY'RE
KNOWN FOR
EATING PEOPLE,
NOT TREATING
THEM!



IDENT'S
THE
DISTINGUISHED
BY
IDENT'S



COULD SHE...

... HAVE HAD A CHILD?





YOU
NEARLY
KILLED ME
WHILE I LAY
TRAPPED
WITHIN THE
BODY OF
A KYAWL
KITTEN

I
AM

ALTHOUGH
YOU WEREN'T
SO CIVIL THE
LAST TIME



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
ONE OF
MY OLD
COMRADES.
SO I SPARED



DO YOU
REMEMBER?
I WAS STILL
GATHERING
MY POWERS
AFTER BEING
REBORN



DON'T
LET THAT
AMBITION
BE YOUR
DOWN-
FALL

NOT
THAT IT
MATTERS.

YOU HAVE
BECOME A
POWERFUL
VAMPIRE
WITH GREAT
AMBITION



HELLO,
CHARLEN



I'M
RIGHT
AREN'T I?
YOU'RE THE
GREAT AND
HORRIBLE
VAMPIRE
KING



HEH, HEH.
SOMEONE'S
DOING THEIR
HOMWORK
HAVEN'T
THEY

DUZELL?



YOU'RE
WARNING
ME ABOUT
AMBITION?
AND YOU
THOUGHT
I WAS ONE
OF YOUR
FRIENDS?

THAT'S
TOO
MUCH!



THEN
WHAT
TURNED YOU
INTO SUCH A
SOFT-HEARTED
SAP? DID YOU
FALL IN LOVE?
PLEASE YOU
MUST TELL ME
I'D HATE FOR
THE SAME
THING TO
HAPPEN
TO ME

IF YOU
REALLY
ARE
PUZZLE

ARE YOU SURE
YOU'RE THE
VAMPIRE KING
PUZZLE? THE
PUZZLE OF
LEGEND HAD
NEITHER FRIENDS
NOR MERCY
ONLY ~~PUZZLE~~
AND BUTTERFLY
AMBITION!



HAVE I
REALLY
CHANGED
THAT
MUCH?



AND WHY
ARE YOU
HAUNTING
THE ROYAL
FAMILY OF
PHEWOSTA?

TELL
ME

WHAT'S
BECOME
OF THE
REAL
DIABLO?

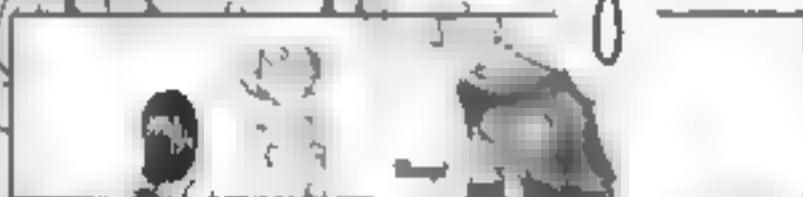






WHAT THE HELL IS
GOING ON HERE?
THAT'S LIKE, THE
TWENTIETH GUY
WHO'S TRIED TO
TALK TO LEENE IN
THE PAST HOUR!

LEENE'S CUTE
AND ALL, BUT
THIS IS A BIT
EXCESSIVE
AND BESIDES,
I HAVE THE
BETTER DRESS!



THE MEN
WERE TONIGHT!
I MUST
APOLOGIZE FOR
THEIR MANNERS
CAN'T THEY
SEE I'M TRYING
TO HAVE A
CONVERSATION?



ANYWAYS

WHAT I
REALLY
WANTED
TO ASK
YOU WAS--

EXCUSE
ME.



REALLY?
SIR
YUJSEL?

YOU
ARE
SO
RIGHT

EXCEPT
FOR SIR
YUJSEL,
ALL MEN
ARE DOGS

I
FORGOT!

LEENE
AND YU-
JINN HAD
A SUICIDE
PACT!



THINGS
HAVE DIED
DOWN A LOT
SINCE I GOT
MARRIED
BUT WHEN
YOU'VE
GOT IT
YOU'VE
GOT IT

PLEASE,
IT'S NO
SECRET
THAT I'M
ONE OF
THE BEST-
LOOKING
GIRLS IN
ZALDA

THE GUYS
AROUND
HERE
CAN'T GET
ENOUGH
OF YOU

WOW,
LEENE!

WHAT'S
YOUR
SECRET?

Na-
na-
NA-NAI

THAT'S IT
THIS BITCH
IS GOING
DOWN.

ATTENTION
FROM
PEOPLE
YOU DON'T
LIKE IS
JUST
ANNOYING

NO
DOUBT.

BUT
UNLESS
YOU'RE
INTO THE
GUYS,
THEY MIGHT
AS WELL
BE DOGS,
RIGHT?



DO I
HAVE A
BOY-
FRIEND?



UM
WHY DO
YOU ASK?

JUST
CURIOUS,
THAT'S
ALL



SO...
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

IS SHE
STILL
IN LOVE
WITH HIM?



AND
IF SO,
DOES HE
HAVE A
NAME?

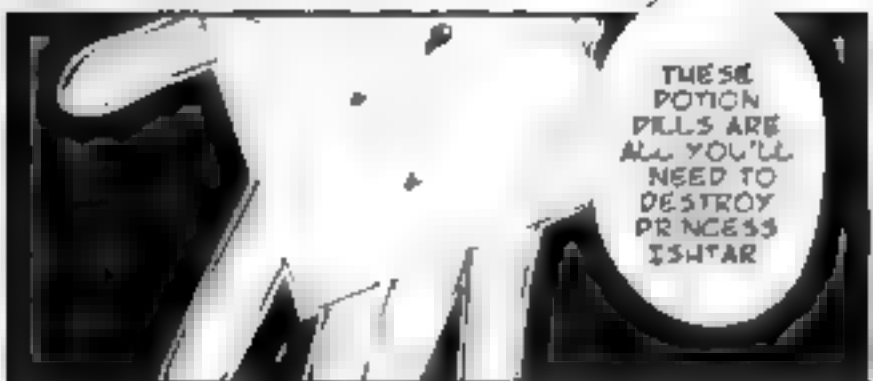
ANYONE
SPECIAL
IN YOUR
LIFE?



M-
M-MB?!

W
H
A
T
?!

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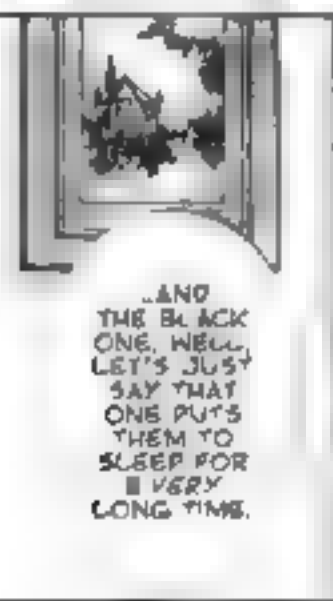
THESE
POTION
PILLS ARE
ALL YOU'LL
NEED TO
DESTROY
PRINCESS
ISHAR



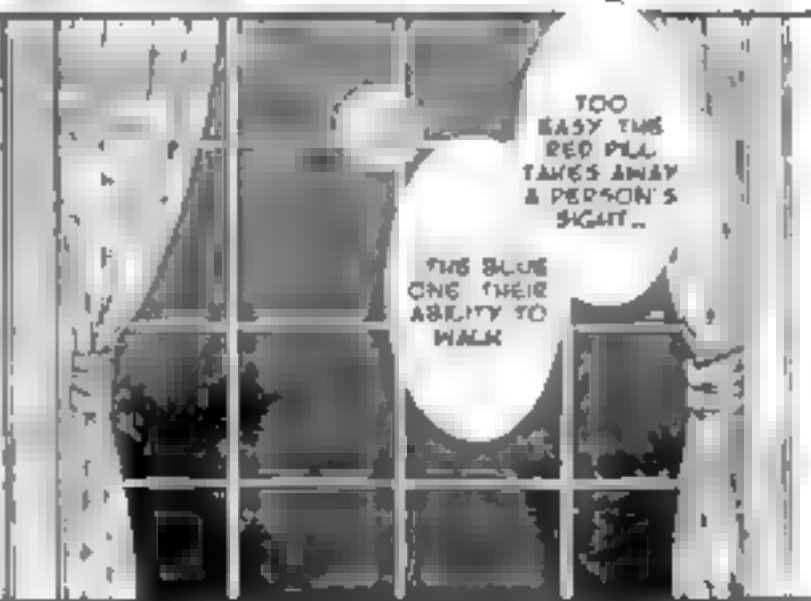
YOU WANT
ME TO
POISON
HER, ?



PILLS?



AND
THE BLACK
ONE, WELL,
LET'S JUST
SAY THAT
ONE PUTS
THEM TO
SLEEP FOR
A VERY
LONG TIME.



TOO
EASY THE
RED PILL
TAKES AWAY
A PERSON'S
SIGHT...

THE BLUE
ONE THEIR
ABILITY TO
WALK



吸血遊戲
南鎮篇
Act.8



WELL,
UM, LET'S
SEE

DUZIE IS
CERTAINLY

WHAT
I WANT
TO KNOW
IS WHO'S
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
PERSON IN
YOUR LIFE?
WHO CAN'T
YOU IMAGINE
LIVING
WITHOUT?



DUZIE?



THAT'S
IT?

A CAT
AND AN
OLD
MAN?

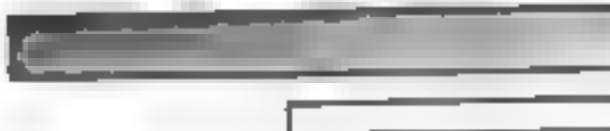
YEAH
HE'S MY
PET
KYANK.

OLD FART,
WELD
AT LEAST
SOMETIMES

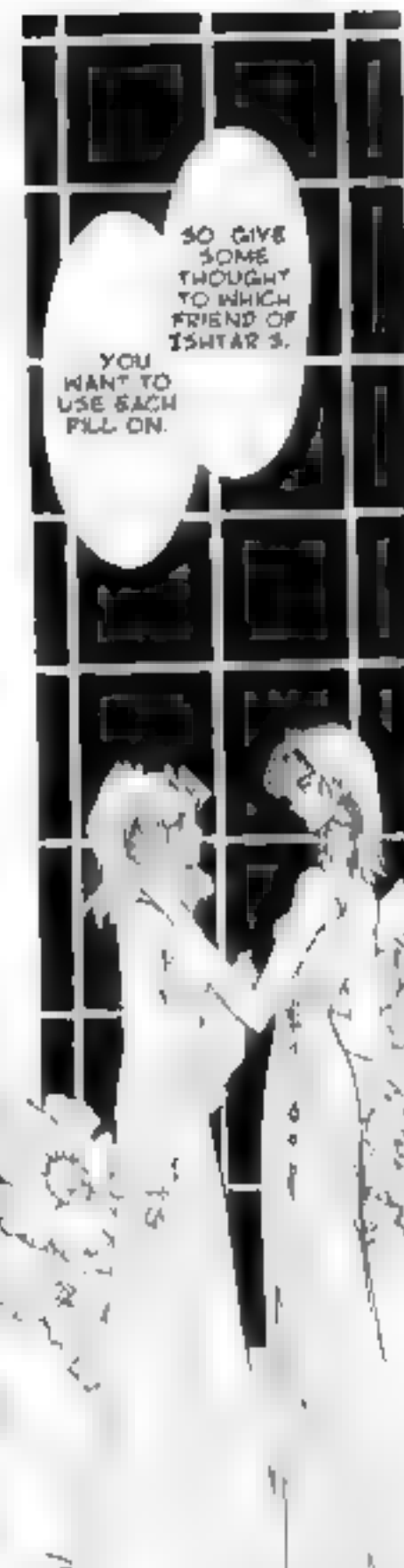


THINK
ABOUT
WHICH
ONES..

WELL,
CAUSE
THE MOST
SUFFERING
TO OUR
DEAR
PRINCESS

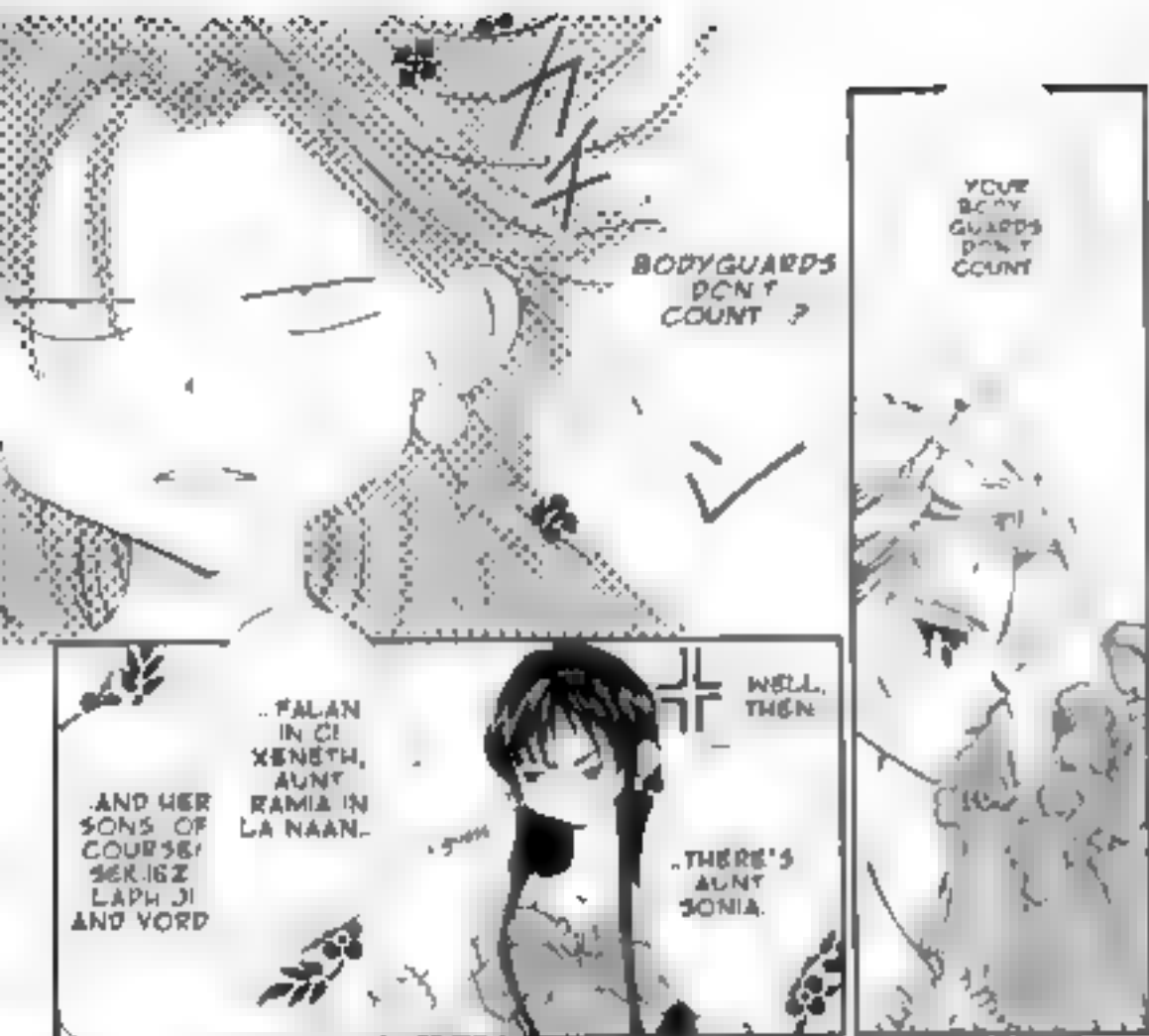


MAYBE
I BOYFRIEND
IS TOO
NARROW
A TERM.



SO GIVE
SOME
THOUGHT
TO WHICH
FRIEND OF
ISHTAR'S.

YOU
WANT TO
USE EACH
PILL ON.







NO
ONE AM
THE S
HARDWARE



YOUR
DOCTOR

BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE
OTHER TWO?

DAMN I WANTED
HER ADVICE NO
MATTER I THINK I
HAVE THIS FIGURED
OUT I'LL SAVE THE
BLACK PILL AS A
GIFT TO ISHTAR SO
SHE CAN "END HER
SUFFERING"

WELL
I GUESS IT
WAS GOING
TO BE PUT
DOWN BUT
THE PRINCESS
SAVED IT
AND NOW HER
BODYGUARD
IS TRAINING IT



REMEMBER
THAT HORSE
THAT ALMOST
KILLED HER
MAJESTY?

VAGUELY



MR.
LADY

YOU'LL
NEVER
GUESS
WHAT I
HEARD
TODAY!



YOU'VE
LOOKED
EVERYWHERE?
AND YOU
STILL CAN'T
FIND
DIAGOS?

...ON
THE
HORSE!

I'LL USE
THE BLUE
PILL

IF IT CAN'T
WALK, THEY'LL
HAVE TO PUT
IT DOWN!

AND IF ISHTAR
THINKS SHE'S
RESPONSIBLE...

IT'LL
BE AS
IF SHE
KILLED
IT HER-
SELF



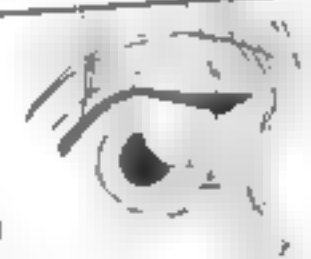
SHE
SAVED
BACK
BREAKER?

WHAT
AM
I NOT

BUT
WHEN SHE
RATTLED OFF
HER FAVORITE
PEOPLE THE
FIRST NAME ON
THE LIST WAS
HER CAT

AND WHAT
AN ANIMAL
LOVER
RESCUING A
HORSE THAT
BROKE
THREW HER!

THAT'S
IT!





WHAT?!

YOU'RE
TELLING
ME THAT...

YOUR
KITTY
ISN'T A
KITTY AT
ALL...

...BUT A
VAMPIRE,
WHO CAN
DISGUISE
HIMSELF...



...AS
YOU?!



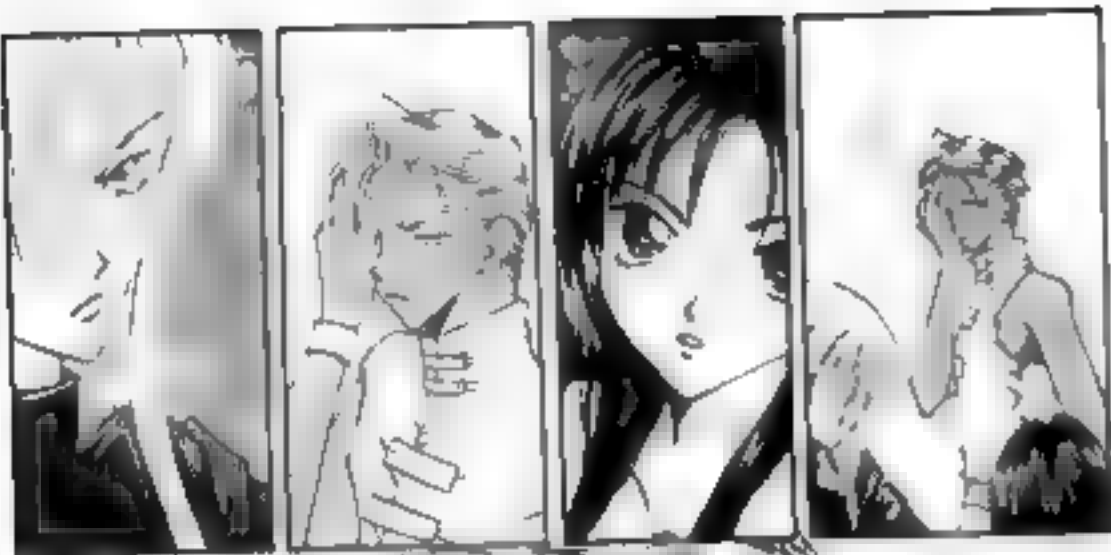
SO
REALLY,
HE'S THE
VAMPIRE
KING
PUZZLE!



I'M
LOOKING
FOR THE
REINCAR-
NATION OF
PUZZLE'S SO
I CAN TAKE
REVENGE ON
HIS SOUL...

BY
KILLING HIS
NEW BODY
HE'LL BE
REBORN
SOMEWHERE
DOWN
HIS OWN
BLOODLINE
GOT IT?





IF I'M
IN LOVE
WITH
ISHTAR



HOLD
ON A
SECOND!



WELL YOU
LEFT OUT
A TUPLE
DETAILS
AND DUZIE
PREFERS THE
WORD "CAT"
TO "KITTY"
BUT YEAH



SUPPOSE
THIS DOES
MAKE SENSE

SO
ISHTAR

KNOWING
THAT DUZIE
WETS'S TRYING
TO KILL YOUR
REINCARNATED
GREAT
GRANDFATHER
NOT TO MENTION
WHATEVER POOR
SCHMUCK HE
WINDS UP
INHABITING



THEN
WHICH
ISHTAR
AM I
IN LOVE
WITH?

AND
DO I
REALLY
WANT AN
ANSWER
TO THAT
QUESTION?





OF COURSE, NO ONE'S BOTHERED ASKING ME IF THAT'S WHAT I WANT

AND LIKE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL I'M EXPECTED TO MARRY A COUSIN AS WELL

THAT APPLIES TO POLITICAL DECISIONS AS WELL AS PERSONAL ONES PUELLIOS MARRIED HIS COUSINE



WHY ARE YOU HELPING HIM?



...THIS MAY SOUND TERRIBLE

BUT DUZIE ISN'T THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S BEEN WRONGED



WELL...



PUELLIOS WAS THIS BIG HERO PEOPLE VIEW EVERY DECISION HE'S MADE AS WORTHY OF EMULATION



YOU'LL NEVER WIN LEENE OVER WITH PRESENTS

YOU WANT TO GIVE HIM TO LEENE, DON'T YOU?

YOU'RE A BELL ANY TACTICIAN, ASHLEY, BUT YOU'RE A POOR STUDENT OF HUMAN NATURE

YES.

ALL UNCLAIMED ANIMALS MUST BE TURNED OVER TO THE GENERAL STAFF OFFICE. I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S THE LAW.

YOU WANT THIS HORSE?

BUT...

UNLESS THEY WANT TO LEARN HOW TO FLY

THIS HORSE STILL HASN'T BEEN BROKEN. HE TRUSTS ME TO A CERTAIN EXTENT...

BUT I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND YOU LET ANYONE ELSE MOUNT HIM...



CONSIDERING
THAT YUJIN
AND LEENE
USED TO BE
LOVERS

HE'S REALLY
GOT SOME
GUTS TALKING
TO ASHLEY
LIKE THAT



LET'S TRY
THIS IF
YOU CAN
RIDE HIM,
ASHLEY
HE'S
YOURS

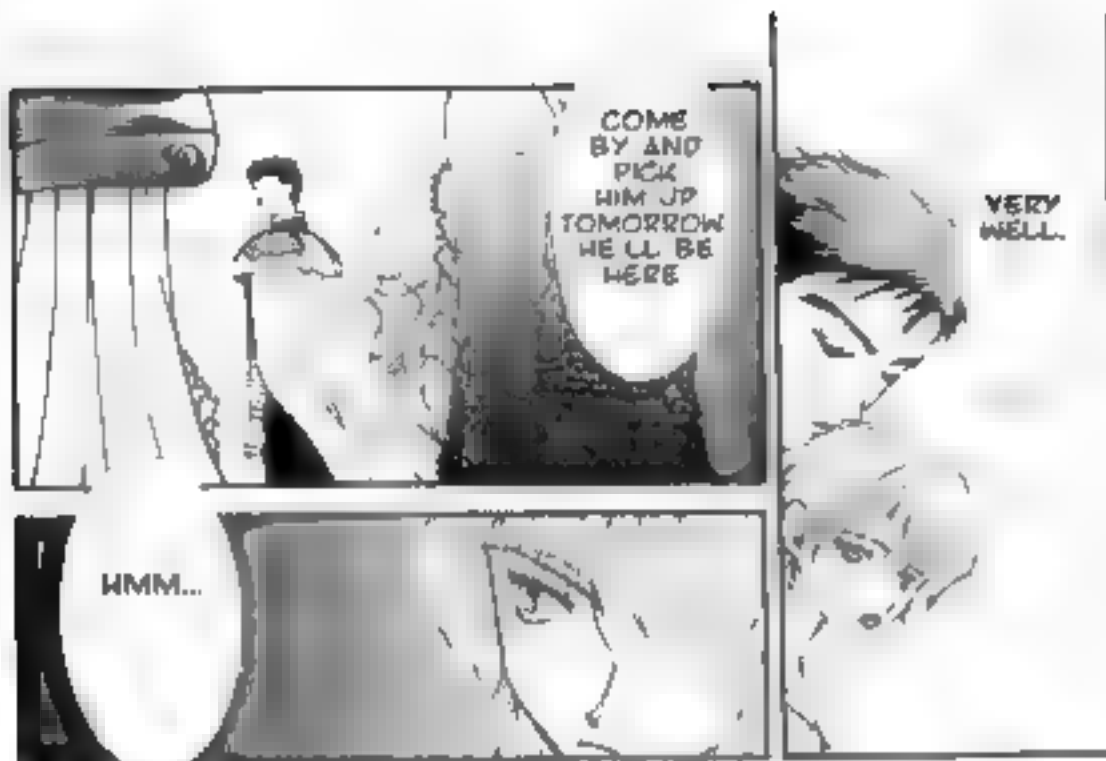


ARE
YOU
SAYING

YOU
DON'T WANT
ASHLEY
TO HAVE
THE HORSE?



DARREN,
YOUR
THOUGHTS?



VERY WELL.

POOR ASHLEY HE WAS SUCH A HEAVY BURDEN TO BEAR

OF ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DEMANDED OF HIM

THE HARDEST WAS

WANT I WAS THE RUDE ONE?

ASHLEY'S THE SMARTEST MAN IN ZILLOA

YOU KNOW, YOU MAY WANT TO BE A BIT MORE COURTEOUS WHEN HE COMES BY TOMORROW

THAT'S WHY HE GOT UPSET WHEN PRINCESS ISHTAR TRIED TO SIDE HIM HARD

POOR GUY

LOOKS LIKE HE THREW A SHOE AND NO ONE BOTHERED REPLACING IT

HE'S A BIT LAME IN HIS LEFT FORELEG AS A RESULT

TELL HIS HANDLERS TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL

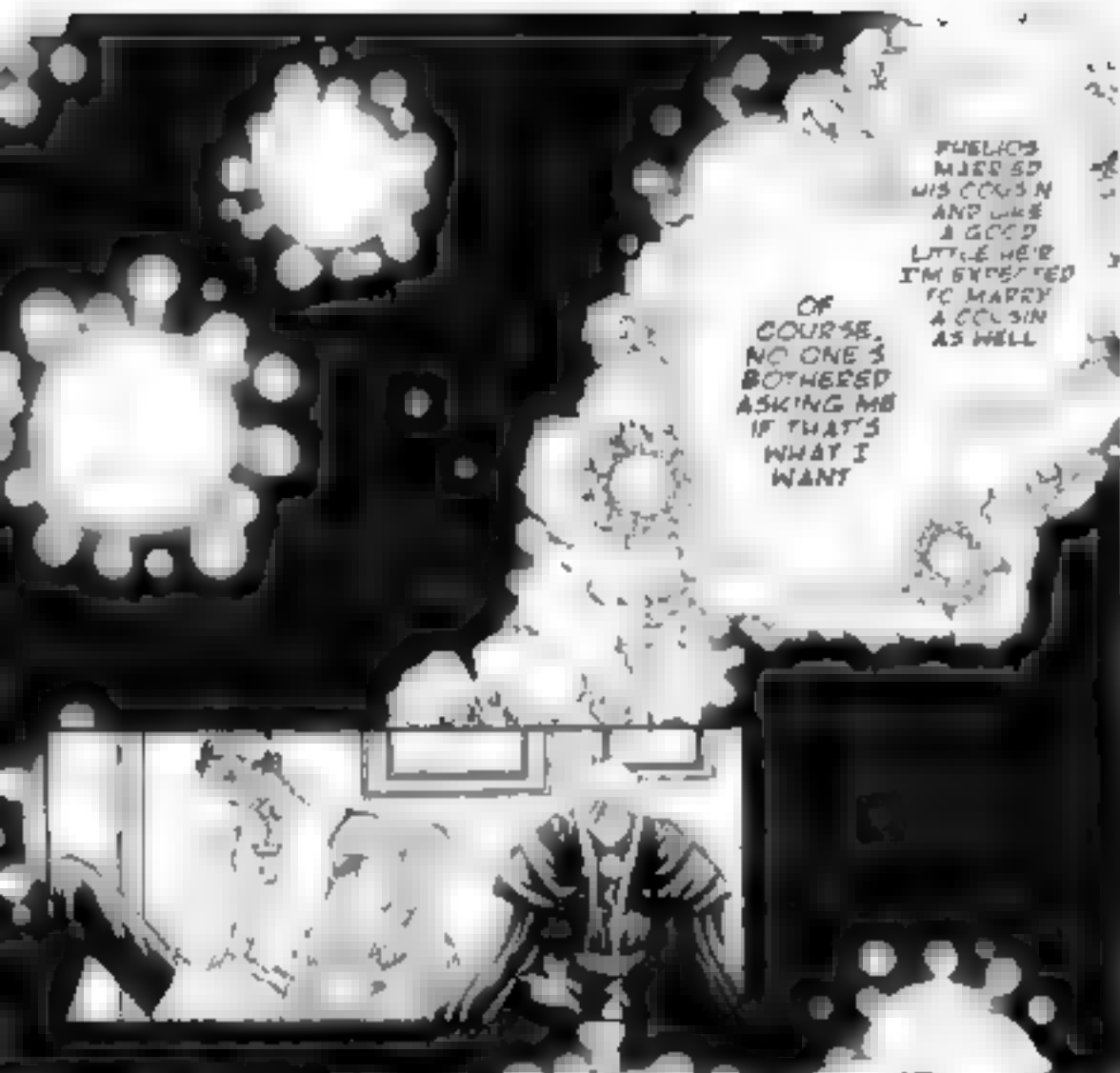
BECAUSE HE REMEMBERS EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE

I'VE REPLACED THE SHOE AND HE'S GOTTEN A LITTLE BETTER WITH PEOPLE BUT HE STILL DOESN'T TRUST US.



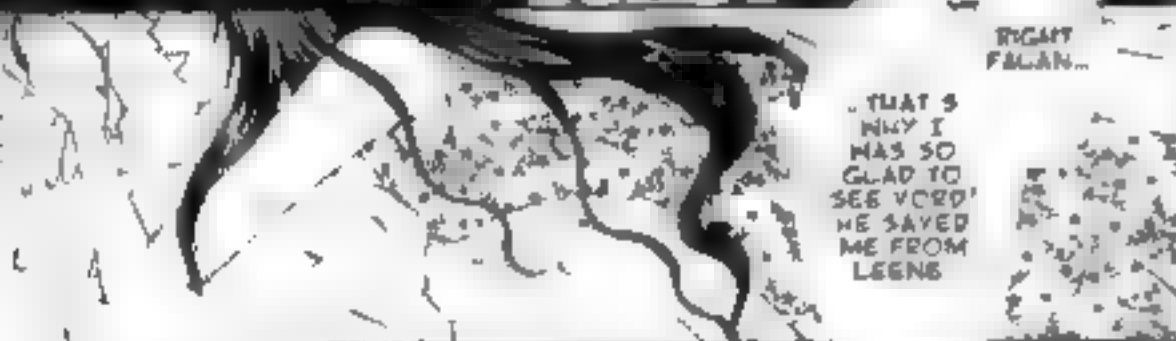
AHH, HELL. IF YOU PROMISE YOU'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, YOU CAN HAVE HIM.





OF
COURSE,
NO ONE'S
BOTHERED
ASKING ME
IF THAT'S
WHAT I
WANT

PUBLICUS
MARRIED
HIS COUSIN
AND LIKE
A GOOD
LITTLE HE'D
I'M EXPECTED
TO MARRY
A COUSIN
AS WELL



RIGHT
FALAN...

THAT'S
WHY I
WAS SO
GLAD TO
SEE YOU!
HE SAVED
ME FROM
LEONE

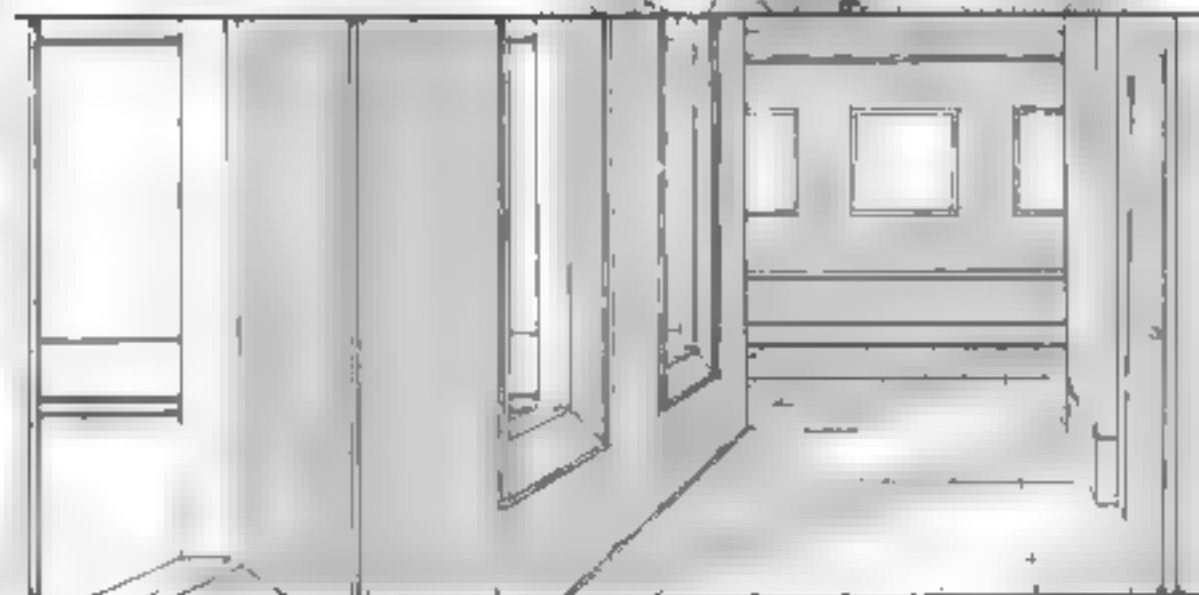


THAT
GIRL'S WAY
TOO FULL OF
HERSELF
HER BUBBLE
S JUST
SCREAMING
TO BE
BURST



AND I
NEVER GOT
THE BEST
OF HIM NOT
ONCE! LIKE
I SAID HE'S
BRILLIANT

WE
CREW UP
TOGETHER
WENT TO
THE SAME
SCHOOL...





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南鎮篇
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AND THAT'S
WHAT
I DON'T
GET

LEENE?
NO,
SHE
ISN'T



BY
A GUY
IN
DRAG

MAYBE
SHE'D COULD
DRESS UP IN
DRAG AND PARADE
AROUND AT HER
NEXT PARTY
SHE CAN'T STAND
BEING OUTCLASSED
BY OTHER GIGGS
I CAN'T IMAGINE
HOW SHE'D
RESPOND TO
BEING SHOWN
UP



SHE'S
CUTE AND
ALL, BUT NO
ONE WOULD
SAY SHE'S
BEAUTIFUL!



I
HEARD
THAT NO
ONE ELSE
WANTED IT

SO I
TOOK
IT IN.

YOU
REMEMBER
THE HORSE
THAT TRED
THROWING
PRINCESS
ISHTAR
THE OTHER
DAY?

WHAT I
REALLY
NEED IS
A NEW
CARRIAGE.



!!



HORSE ?



WHAT
MAKES
YOU THINK
I'D WANT
ANOTHER
HORSE?

DADDY JUST
GAVE ME A
NEW GELDING
LAST MONTH!

AND YOU
SHOULD SEE
OUR FEED
BELL. THEY
DO EAT LIKE
HORSES
YOU KNOW!



TOMORROW
I'M GOING
TO TAKE
HIM ON A
LONG RIDE.
FIRST
THING!



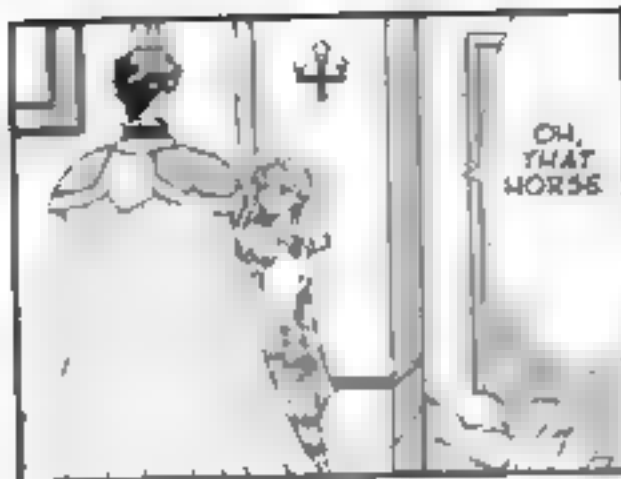
CHIEF,
YOUR
ROYAL
ASS IS
HUNG.

IT'S
ALL
STARTING
TO COME
TOGETHER.



LEENS

THERE'S
ONE THING
I WANT YOU
TO PROMISE
ME.



OH,
THAT
HORSE



YES!
YES!
YES!
OF COURSE
I WANT HIM!
YOU'VE
MADE
ME SO
HAPPY,
DEAR!



!

IF YOU
WANTED HIM,
I WAS GOING
TO LET YOU
HAVE HIM
BUT SINCE
YOU DON'T-





I
KNOW.

BUT
I
ALSO
KNOW.

THAT
EVEN IF I
UNDERSTOOD
EVERYTHING
IN THIS
WORLD.

DO I
HAVE
TO
REMIN
YOU...

...THAT
LEENE
TRIED
TO USE
THAT
HORSE
TO KILL
ISHTAR?


...LEENE
WOULD
STILL
BE A
MYSTERY
TO ME

DO I
HAVE
TO
REMIN
YOU...


...THAT
LEENE
TRIED
TO USE
THAT
HORSE
TO KILL
ISHTAR?



WHAT?



LOOK
AT YOU
YOU'RE
MISERABLE



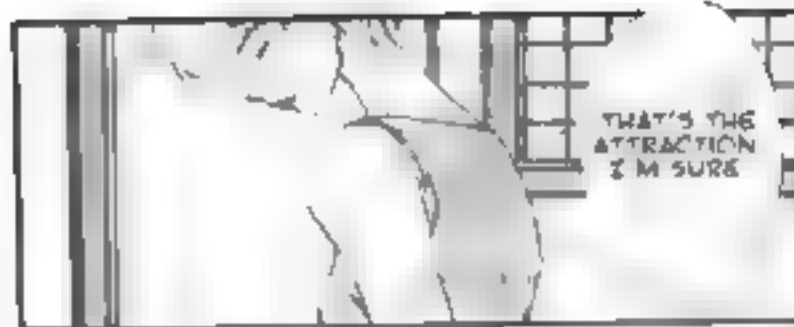
I
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
YOU AT
ALL.



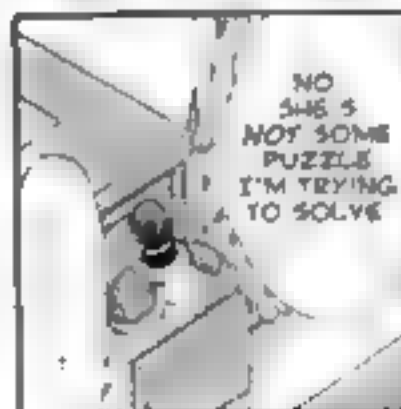
EVEN IF
THEY'RE
THE
WRONG
ONES



IS
THAT
SO?



THAT'S THE
ATTRACTION
I'M SURE



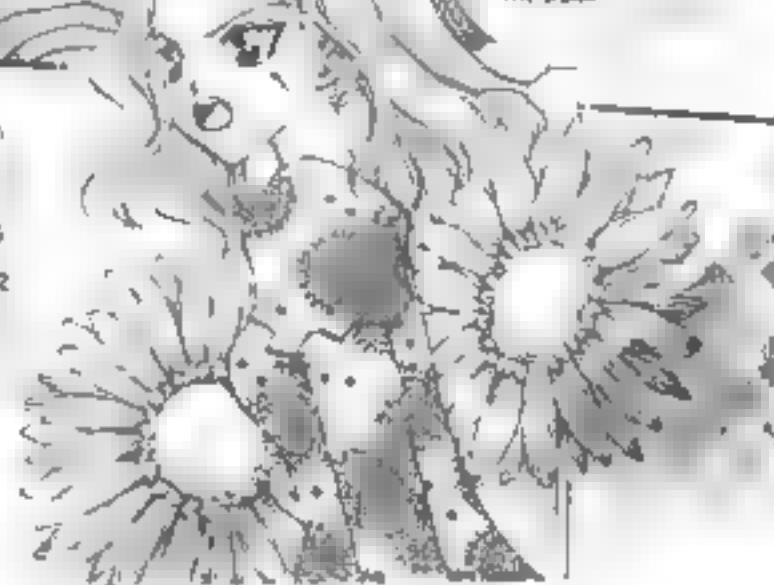
NO
SHE'S
NOT SOME
PUZZLE
I'M TRYING
TO SOLVE

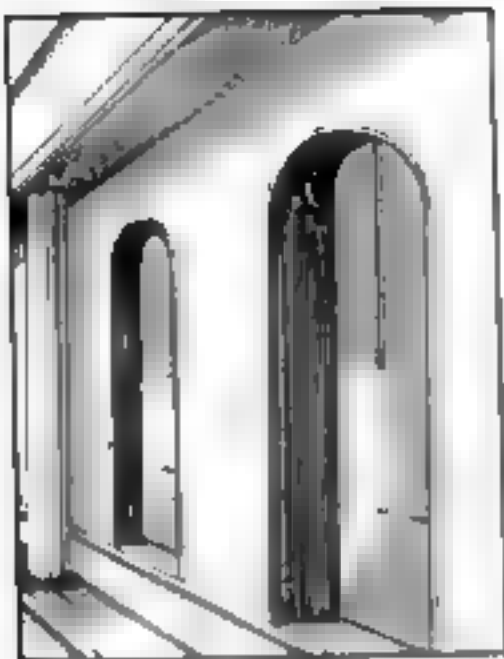


SIGH

I NEVER
DO ANYTHING
WITHOUT FIRST
DISSECTING
THE PROBLEM
AND WEIGHING
ALL THE PROS
AND CONS AND
EVEN THEN,
I'M ALWAYS
SECOND-
GUESSING
MYSELF

LEENE,
ON THE
OTHER
HAND, ACTS
QUICKLY
MAKING HER
DECISIONS
BASED ON
HOW SHE
FEELS





YOU
WANT
TO GO
R DING
AGAIN?



YEAH!



I
KNOW
HE HAS
OTHER
LOVERS!
THAT
DOESN'T
MATTER!

HE CAN
MARRY
PRINCESS
ISHTAR FOR
ALL I CARE!
I'LL STILL
LOVE HIM!
AND ONLY
HIM!



BOTH
OF OUR
PARENTS
WOULD BE
THRILLED
IF WE
WOUND UP
TOGETHER

YOU'RE
FROM
A GOOD
HOUSE

IT'S NOT
THAT I
DON'T
LIKE YOU,
ASHLEY
BUT WE
VE KNOWN
EACH
OTHER
FOREVER.



BUT...

I
LOVE
YUUJEL!



I
ALWAYS
HAVE,
AND I
ALWAYS
WILL!!



'NOW!

SO
HE'S
COM-
PLETELY
TAME
NOW?
THAT'S
GREAT!



IF HE
WASN'T, THEN
I WOULDN'T
BE RIDING HIM
TOMORROW,
WOULD I?

HE
SURE
IS!

HOW
COOL!
WHAT ARE
YOU
GOING
TO CALL
HIM?



REMEMBER
THAT HORSE
YOU RODE
THE OTHER
DAY?

WELL,
ASHLEY
GAVE HIM
TO ME



NO,
HE
NON T

BUT
DADDES
STOPPED
THEM

THEY WERE
GOING
TO PUT
BACKS--
I MEAN,
THAT HORSE
DOWN AFTER
HE TRIED TO
THROW YOU



THAT
HORSE?
LEENS,
HE'LL
KILL
YOU!



HE'S
BEEN AND--
TRAINING
HIM, I HEAR
HE'S BEEN
BROKEN IN
BEAUTIFULLY
HE'S EATING
OUT OF
DADDES
HAND AND
EVERY
THING!

.....
!!



LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT



I REALIZE
LADY KENS
LEGS BEING IN
THE SADDLE
BUT SHE'S
NEVER STRUCK
ME AS THE
RIDING TYPE

YUP



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OF
COURSE!

WELL,
THEN, YOU
COME UP
WITH A
NAME

AND I'LL
SEE YOU
TOMORROW



HOW
ABOUT
PHELIOS?

LET'S
SEE

THEN
CAN I
NAME
HIM?

NO?

NO THAT'D
BE TOO
WEIRD
I COULD
NEVER
SPUR A
PHELIOS



A
NAME?

I RE I
HAVEN'T
THOUGHT
OF ONE
YET



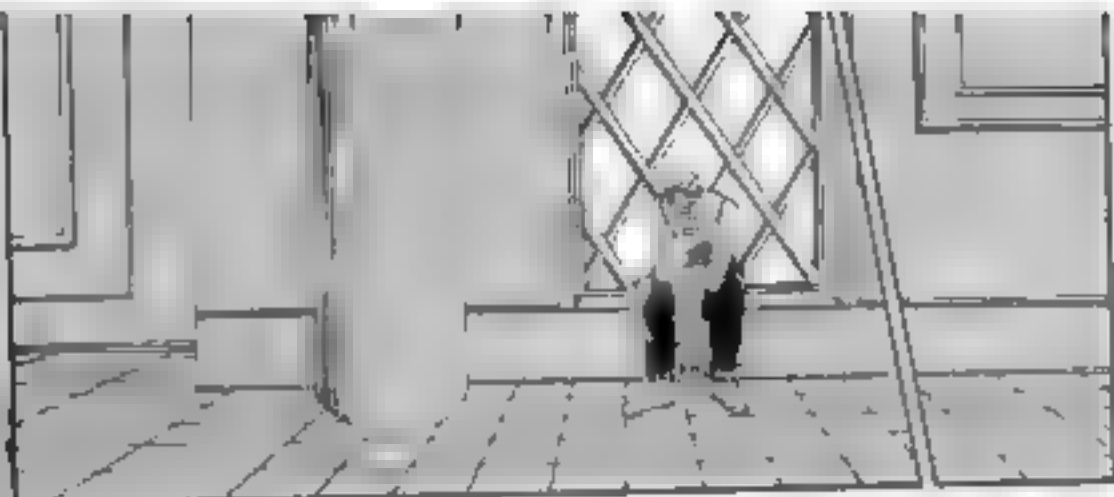
WELL,
THEN
WHAT
ABOUT
PUZELL?



LOOK
HE'S MY
HORSE,
OKAY?
I'M
GONNA
NAME
HIM!

WHY
WOULD I
NAME HIM
AFTER A
VAMP RE
KING?

C'MON!
I DON'T
WANT TO
JINX HIM!



WHAT THE HELL'S THE MATTER WITH ME?

WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING PULLED APART FROM THE INSIDE?



IS REALLY TWO ACTORS, PLAYING ONE PART?

IS IT BECAUSE THE ISHTAR I LOVE..



THANK YOU.



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A
NAME
FOR
YOUR
HORSE?

ISHTAR,
I THINK
WE SHOULD
START SEEING
OTHER PEOPLE
WELL, I SHOULD.
AT ANY RATE..

LADY
LEENE..

I'M SURE
EVEN YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND
THAT AS A
GENERAL
AND MINISTER
OF MILITARY
STRATEGY

ASHLEY MAY
HAVE MORE
PRESSING
NEEDS THAN
NAMING YOUR
NEW PET

DA-AMME
MAYBE?
AND SAUCERS
OF MILK,
PLEASE!

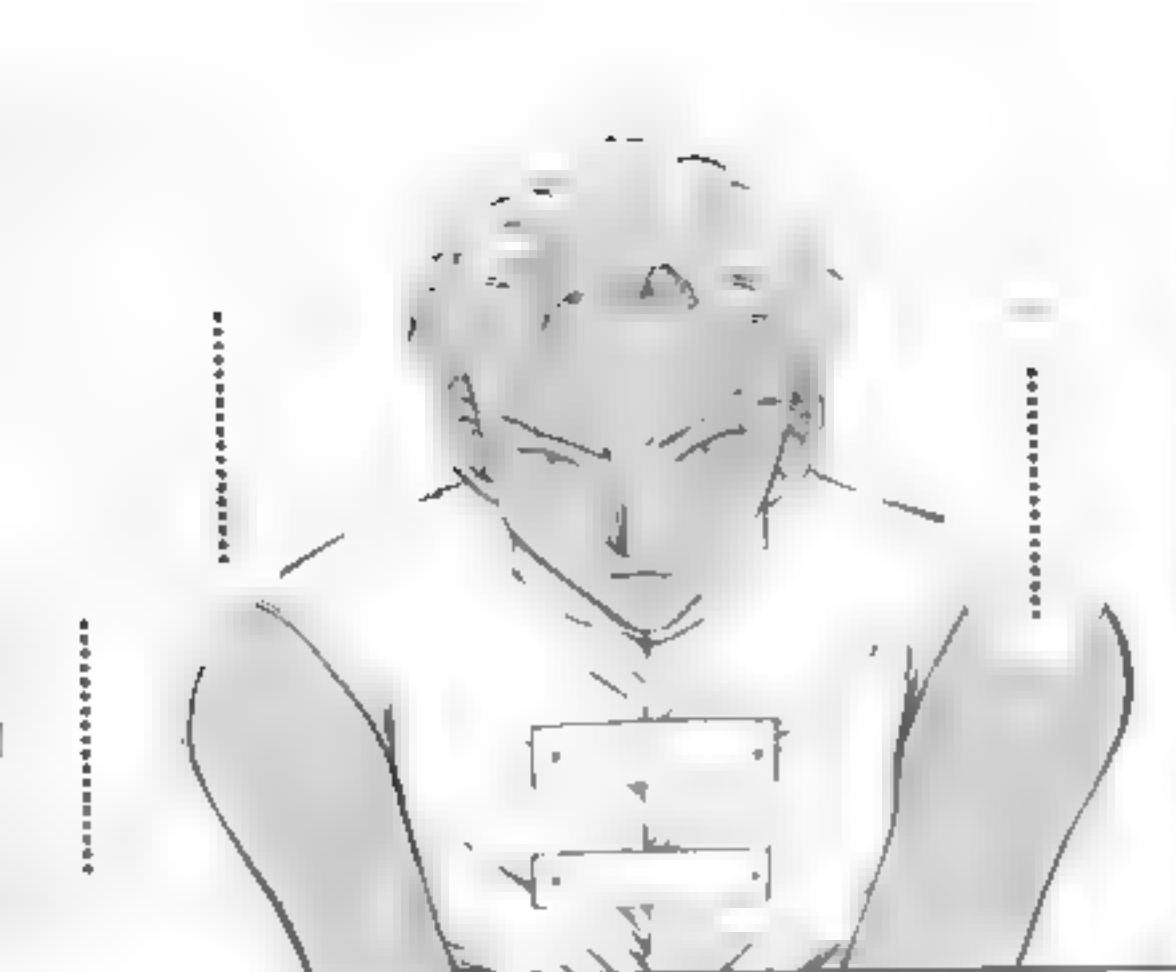
LUCY

WHERE'S
ASHLEY?
I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
ALL OVER
FOR HIM!

I
HAVE
TO
TALK
TO
HIM!
RIGHT
NOW!

ON SECOND
THOUGHT
WHY PUT ALL
MY EGGS IN
ONE BASKET?

I NEED
HIM TO
HELP ME
NAME MY
HORSE!





IT'S
NOT A
MATTER
OF
"WHAT,"
BUT
"WHO".

SO,
MR.
MYSTERY
HORSE

IS LEEB'S
NOW. HOW
FUNNY!

I
WONDER
WHICH
ONE OF
THEM IS
MR. RS
DANGEROUS
WHAT DO
YOU
THINK,
DUZELL?



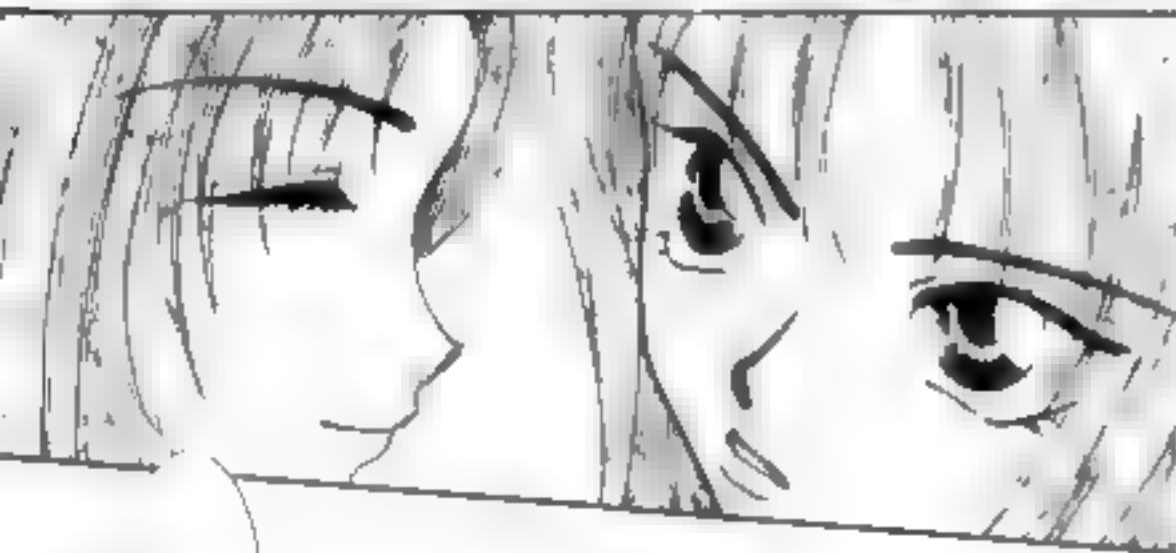
THE DUZELL
OF LEGEND
HAD NEITHER
FRIENDS NOR
MERCY! ONLY
PUPPETS AND
RUTHLESS
AMBITION!

WHAT
HAPPENED?

WAS
RESCUED
BY A
SUGAR

IF
YOU
REALLY
ARE
DUZELL

THEN
WHAT
TURNED
YOU INTO
SUCH A
SOFT-
HEARTED
SAD?



BESIDES





AND
MY
BODY-
GUARDS

MY
SOLDIERS

AND
HE'S NOT
THE ONLY
ONE.

THERE
HAVE BEEN
OVER A
HUNDRED
SEPARATE
ATTEMPTS
MADE ON
MY LIFE

EVEN
MY MAID
THEY'VE
GIVEN
THEIR
LIVES TO
PROTECT
ME ME!

THEY
WERE DOING
THEIR JOBS
ISHTAR YOU
CAN'T BLAME
YOURSELF!



!!

I
KNOW
YOU
ABOUT
MY FOOD
TASTER

HE DIED
PROTECTING
ME.



...I...

DON'T
WANT ANY
ONE ELSE TO
SUFFER FOR
MY SAKE
I'VE CAUSED
ENOUGH
SORROW





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Postscript



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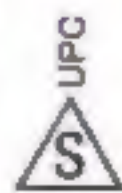
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